

GIRLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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The Governors of Girlington Primary School believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expect that the school uniform will be worn by all children including those in Gems and Nursery. This policy document will outline:

- The reasons for having a school uniform
- Making the uniform accessible
- How the school will deal with non-adherence

1. Why having a school uniform is important to Girlington Primary School

The governing body of Girlington Primary School believes that a school uniform is important in building the pupils' sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school. It instils a sense of pride in the school and supports positive behaviour. It is one of the symbols of the ethos of the school and protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background.

There are other advantages to having a school uniform which are important to the governing body such as security. A uniform enables pupils to be identified easily and means that any intruders can be identified swiftly.

2. What Girlington Primary School's Uniform consists of:

Reception to Year Six

- Yellow polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo on (Year 6 Royal blue good role model sweatshirt will be provided)
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers or a plain blue or grey shalwar kameez,
- Plain navy blue or black headscarf (if required)
- Plain black school shoes (not trainers)

In the summer pupils also have the option of wearing a blue and white or yellow and white checked dress

Gems and Nursery

- Plain yellow polo shirt or T shirt (with or without school logo)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms or navy leggings

All children in Gems, Nursery and Reception will also need a pair of wellies that are kept in school

All children in Year One to Year Six require a PE kit consisting of:

- Plain navy blue tracksuit
- Navy blue T Shirt
- Navy blue leggings or shorts
- Trainers
- Navy sports hijab (optional)

All clothing must be labelled with your child's name.

It is important that children have sensible shoes for school. Open-toed sandals, shoes with raised heels, clogs or mules should also not be worn. These are not suitable for school especially at play times.

Hair styles – Only plain hair bands or bobbles. Only a single line is allowed in hair, no zigzag, no patterns or multiple lines.

Jewellery – In the interests of safety, no jewellery to be worn in school with the exception of small stud earrings for pierced ears and/or a small watch (no smart watches)

All uniform, with the exception of bookbags, sweatshirts and cardigans which must have the school logo on, can be purchased from local supermarkets and other high street shops. Logoed bookbags, sweatshirts and cardigans must be purchased from The Uniform Shop, Darley St, Bradford.

3. Accessibility to school uniform

The governing body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable. As of 1st April 2014 Bradford Council no longer provide financial assistance to families in meeting the cost of school uniforms. In order to help those families who may struggle to provide a uniform for their child/ren the governors have agreed to provide the following items of uniform.

2 sweatshirts, 2 polo-shirts Total cost to school £30.00

Vouchers for these items will be provided once per academic year for those children school has been notified are eligible for free school meals. Vouchers will be distributed annually in June, and will be paid from the Pupil Premium element of the schools revenue budget. In exceptional circumstances school will be able to provide, as necessitates, items of school uniform to children who are not eligible for free school meals. This is at the discretion of the headteacher.

The procedure for a parent to appeal against a decision not to provide assistance is for the parent to put their grievance in writing to the headteacher and the matter will be discussed with the chair of governors and the parent will be notified of the decision with 4 weeks.

The governing body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief.

4. Non-Adherence

The governing body will insist that the school is considerate and discreet when trying to establish why a pupil is not adhering to the school's uniform policy. The school will work with parents and carers to find acceptable solutions that will help the pupil adhere to the uniform policy.

Whilst the headteacher may discipline pupils appropriately for non-adherence to the policy, exclusion from the school will not be deemed appropriate action unless non-adherence is persistent and defiant.