



The Grove Primary School

Uniform Policy

Introduction:

- At The Grove we believe that school uniform is important because:
 - it contributes to a sense of belonging and fosters a feeling of pride in the school;
 - it takes away the need for children to decide what to wear on a daily basis;
 - children need not be worried about issues of fashion or competitive dressing;
 - it promotes equality of opportunity;
 - it looks smart and makes a firm distinction between work and home, promoting a more business like attitude to work.
- We ask that all parents/carers support the school by ensuring that their children wear the uniform, in line with the Code of Conduct, and we encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The existence of a school uniform does create an even greater need for all items of clothing to be marked with the owner's name.
- Uniform for any individual may be modified in the light of cultural or disability issues or special needs. Parents/carers should contact the Head Teacher to discuss their child's needs.
- As a reward for children wearing the correct uniform during the year, the school has a policy that children may wear their home clothes when it is their birthday to celebrate this special occasion. If a child's birthday falls on a weekend they may choose the Friday or Monday either side of the weekend and, if it falls during a holiday, they may choose the first or last day either side of the holiday. This policy is in line with each academic year so begins on the 1st September. **We ask that this is instead of pupils bringing sweets, treats or cakes into school on their birthday.**
- We aim to keep costs to parents/carers to a minimum and have limited logo clothing, most items of clothing can be purchased relatively cheaply at supermarkets or low-cost stores.
- We have a large stock of good quality second hand school clothing and hold regular sales at school, alternatively you can contact the school office and our team will be more than happy to help you obtain items from our collection.
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Clothing:

- Plain or 'The Grove' logo navy blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
- Plain polo shirt, with or without 'The Grove' logo
- Plain grey or black trousers
- Plain grey or black knee length shorts
- Plain grey or black skirt
- Blue and white summer dress in gingham, stripes or check (optional)
- Black or white socks or grey tights
- Clothes worn for religious reasons
- No brand logos of any kind
- No denim, including black jeans

PE Kit:

- Plain black shorts, leotard or leggings for dance
- Navy blue 'The Grove' logo PE top
- Grey, blue or black tracksuit (optional for cold weather)
- Plimsolls or non-marking trainers to be worn in the hall
- Practical sports trainers for outdoor PE. (not fashion trainers e.g. sparkly or embellished and not High Tops)
- Football boots can be worn if needed for school team events or competitions. Please check with school.

Footwear:

- Plain black or navy shoes with a flat heel and no platform.
- No trainers outside of PE lessons.
- Flat sandals (navy, black or white) are allowed but not 'jellies'.
- Plain flat, black boots without embellishments
- Wellington Boots can be worn to school during extreme weather (e.g. heavy rain or snow)

Hair:

- Hair should be tidy and contained – long hair (for both girls and boys) should be tied up.
- Long fringes should be tied away from the face
- Extreme styles and/or dyed hair are not considered appropriate for school e.g. logos/shapes shaved in or spiked hair
- Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles, etc. should be simple, discrete and, if possible, in school colours.

Jewellery (optional):

- Stud earrings: small, round, plain gold ear studs. No more than one in each ear
- Time telling watch – no smart watches

Other Information:

- No nail varnish or transfers.
- Children must change their clothing and footwear for PE. PE kits are compulsory.
- No jewellery, other than what is specified above, is permitted.
- Embroidered school wear is available from Trowbridge Schoolwear, Stallard Street, Trowbridge. It is not required that uniform is embroidered.
- All children are required to wear school uniform every day in school unless it is a special non-uniform day or their birthday.
- All clothes and belongings must be clearly marked with the child's name. The school cannot accept responsibility if clothing and valuables are lost.

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