



## Great Orton Primary School

### School Uniform and Appearance Policy 2023

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# GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Great Orton Primary School has a compulsory school uniform and PE kit which all pupils must wear. This is for a variety of reasons.

It:

- ✓ Promotes a sense of community and belonging to the school;
- ✓ Gives a positive impression of the school, to the community and at public events;
- ✓ Is practical and smart;
- ✓ Helps pupils to develop a sense of pride in themselves and the school;
- ✓ Helps pupils to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- ✓ Is designed with health and safety of pupils in mind.
- ✓ It supports positive behaviour and school discipline;
- ✓ It ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activities;
- ✓ It assists identification of strangers on school premises; and
- ✓ It supports and promotes the ethos of the school.

### Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- ✓ Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- ✓ Navy trousers
  - × **no jeans**
- ✓ Navy pinafore or skirt with navy or red tights
- ✓ red polo shirt ( School logo optional)
- ✓ Black school shoes with low heels
  - × **no trainers or sports shoes**
- ✓ Navy book bag with logo
- ✓ For the Summer Term and up to October half term pupils are able to wear Navy school shorts or red checked summer dresses with a navy cardigan and ankle socks
- ✓ Navy joggers – Reception children only for outdoor learning provision

Items with our school logo are available to purchase from School Trends, online uniform supplier, directly at <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/GreatOrtonSchoolCA56NA> or using the online link accessed from the uniform page on the Great Orton Primary school website at [www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk). The address and Telephone number for School Trends is as follows; School Trends, 9 Holbrook Enterprise Park, Enterprise Way, Sheffield, S20 3GL. Tel: 01142512501.

We do appreciate the children being suitably dressed. If children come to school in boots or Wellingtons, then they need to bring shoes to change into in the classroom. Please ensure that all items including all uniform, PE kit, shoes, coats, lunch boxes etc. are marked with your child's name and class, this will enable staff to return lost items. Any items not labeled will be placed in lost property. All items of clothing, including coats and PE kits must be named.

### Unisex PE Kit

- ✓ PE kit – navy shorts, plain white round neck T-shirt with school logo and plimsolls or trainers for outdoor lessons (dark coloured tracksuits may be worn in the winter months).

It is essential that all children change for a PE lesson, it is particularly important that children change their footwear.

## **Jewellery**

- ✓ Jewellery is not encouraged and the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- ✓ It is best if jewellery is not worn at all. However plain stud earrings are permitted, but they **MUST** be removed for PE lessons. The responsibility for their care rests with the pupil. For this reason, we encourage ear piercing to occur in the Summer Holidays, however, during the school year pupils must tape up their earrings if they are unable to be removed. Pupils must take responsibility for providing plasters/tape for this purpose.
  - \* Other jewellery - chains, necklaces, bracelets, and any hoop or drop earrings; are **NOT** permitted in school at all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches**

Mobile phones and smart watches are now a feature of modern society and an increasing number of our students own one. The increasing sophistication of mobile phone/smart watch technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- ✓ The high value of many phones/smart watches
- ✓ Phones with cameras can lead to potential child protection and data protection issues
- ✓ The potential use of the phone/smart watch e.g. for texting whilst on silent mode
- ✓ Inappropriate use of mobile phones/smart watches to bully, intimidate, ridicule others
  - \* Smart watches must **not** be brought to school.
  - \* Mobile phones must **not** be brought to school.

## **Hair**

- ✓ The school expects high standards of appearance at all times.

## **Compliance**

We expect every pupil in school to adhere to this Policy with support from their parents or guardians. Failure to comply will result, in the first instance, with the child being asked to change their footwear/uniform. A request for parents to bring suitable items will be made if necessary.

Repeated failure to comply may result in the pupil being sent home and/or excluded from school.

Pupils wearing any accessories or jewellery which do not follow the School Uniform Policy can expect to have these items confiscated. Any confiscated items will be logged and made available for collection at the end of the school day. Where a pupil repeatedly flouts the rules, they may be asked to hand in items at the beginning of each day to reduce unnecessary time wasting for teachers. For repeat offences of this nature, parents will be asked to collect confiscated items. Where items are not collected, the school will dispose of them at the end of each term.

## **Lost Property**

Where no name has been added to the garments, the School endeavours to recycle uniform to other pupil & parents through lost property sales. Where this is not successful, the School will redistribute the uniform as appropriate.

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Exception to the implementation of this Policy will only apply at the discretion of the Head Teacher.**