



# School Uniform Policy

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## Goldsmith Primary Academy Uniform Policy

### Ethos and Vision

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the pupils with the school
- is not distracting in class
- makes pupils feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money.

Some decisions on school uniform policy are made to maintain health and safety.

For example, pupils are more easily identified on a school trip if they are wearing a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge.

### Human Rights Act and Equalities Duties

The Local Advisory Board responsible for governance will consider implications of the Human Rights Act when setting its policy for uniform. It should be considerate of the needs of different cultures, races and religions.

When accommodating religious requirements, the Local Advisory Board responsible for governance will ensure these do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community.

The policy will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or belief.

### Sourcing the Uniform

The Local Advisory Board responsible for governance will be responsible for ensuring the uniform source provides value for money and the cost of uniform does not preclude admission to the school.

## Consultation

Parents will be consulted with regard to the any change to uniform in the autumn term prior to implementation of changes in the following autumn term. Changes in uniform policy will be communicated in the summer term at the latest.

## Communication of the Policy

The policy will be communicated in the school prospectus for admissions. This will be given to all parents at induction to the school.

The uniform policy, as listed below, will also be communicated every term in the school newsletter as a reminder of expectations to all parents.

Goldsmith Primary Academy uniform consists of:

- Shirts – white cotton (long or short sleeve)
- Tie – black and gold stripe (available from school main reception. Elastic ties £3 each, standard fastening ties £3.50 each, clip on ties £4 each)
- Socks – black, white or grey
- Tights – black or grey
- Trousers – black or grey
- Jumpers/Cardigans - black V neck
- Skirts/Pinafores – black or grey
- Summer dresses – yellow gingham
- Shoes – see section on 'Footwear'



## Footwear

Sensible **black shoes** or sensible sandals in black or white during the summer should be worn. Socks should be worn at all times.

**No:**

- High heels
- Trainers
- Strappy sandals
- Beach shoes or flip flops

**Shoes should be plain with no sports branding**

## PE Uniform

Our school uniform includes clothing required for physical education. We have adopted a comfortable PE uniform which should enhance the pupils' participation and enjoyment of sport and physical activity. Our PE uniform is the same for both boys and girls:

- T-shirt – Pale Yellow/ Lemon (available from school main reception £1.50 each or from ASDA)
- Shorts – plain black
- Tracksuit – plain dark tracksuit/jogging bottoms/sweatshirt **for outdoor activities**
- Footwear – black pumps for indoors /trainers for outdoors only (for PE only)
- Swimming – short trunks (boys)/one piece swimming costume (girls) and swimming cap - plain dark colours

Pupils will be expected to change for PE and must wear pumps for indoor PE in the hall. If pupils do not have a PE kit in school they will not be allowed to participate directly in the lesson, but will be involved in other ways.

### **Jewellery/ makeup**

Wearing of jewellery is not allowed except for: one pair of small, plain, stud type earrings in the ear lobe and a small, simple wristwatch may be worn. The jewellery is the responsibility of the pupils to look after

### **No:**

- Large earrings or hoops
- Studs or rings in any other part of the body
- Necklaces, bracelets or rings
- No makeup should be worn by pupils at school
- No coloured nail varnish should be worn by pupils in school

### **Hair/ Hairstyles**

- Long hair should be tied back
- Hair bands should be black or yellow
- Scrunchies should be in black or yellow
- Hair should be natural in colour

### **Goldsmith Primary Academy does not allow:**

- Shaven heads or any haircut that involves the shaving of symbols or lines
- Extreme colouration of hair
- Hairstyles which include noticeable variations in colour or length

Parents are to inform the school in writing if they are not able to comply with the uniform policy for any reason. For example, there may be a valid medical reason why a child has to wear alternative footwear to that in the policy. The Headteacher will determine if this is a valid reason and will respond in writing. The expectation will be for the child to return to being in full uniform as soon as possible.

### **Breaching School Uniform Policy**

It is the headteacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules. The Headteacher can discipline pupils for breaches of uniform policy.

Parents will be informed by letter if pupils are without proper uniform and no communication has been received from parents. This will also include when pupils do not have their full P.E kit. Exclusion on the grounds of breaches of uniform policy should only be used in cases where breaches of uniform policy are persistent and clearly defiant.

### **Monitoring of this Policy**

This policy will be monitored by the Local Advisory Board responsible for Governance through:

- Reports from the Headteacher on standards and the number of letters sent to parents
- Parental and pupil responses through surveys
- Governor monitoring visits to the school. Details are to be found in the school's

Behaviour Policy