

School Uniform Policy

George Romney Junior School



Approved by:

SMSC Committee

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Signed:

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, if parents send children to school with earrings that cannot be removed; we will ask children to cover them with a plaster, to minimise the risk of causing injury.

Make Up

At George Romney Junior School, we do not believe it is appropriate, necessary or desirable for any children to wear make-up (including nail varnish). If children attend school wearing make-up they will be asked to remove it by a member of staff.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that are inappropriate for smart everyday presentation or could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Since the Covid19 Pandemic, we have introduced 'active learning' into the daily curriculum and we are now encouraging children to wear plain black, strong trainers (not PE pumps) to allow them to participate in the numerous activities we have during the week.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. School will look to support children and families who are struggling to provide the correct uniform either through accessing school uniform vouchers or directly through funds if appropriate.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests.

The role of governors

The SMSC committee supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equality.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The SMSC committee monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix One: Extract from School Prospectus

We would like all children to adhere to the following items of uniform:

- ✓ Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan.
(We would prefer the sweatshirt or cardigan needs to have the school logo on.)
- ✓ White polo-shirt
- ✓ Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers,
- ✓ Black shoes (or trainers – if they are all black),
- ✓ Burgundy 'George Romney' Fleece (optional)
- ✓ 'George Romney' cap (optional)

Summer uniform (optional) is red, checked gingham-style dress or grey shorts.

PE kit is burgundy, dri-fit t-shirt and navy shorts with trainers. Burgundy zipped hoodie and plain black jogging bottoms/leggings.

On PE days all children should come to school wearing their PE Kits.

The children will need a swimming costume or trunks, towel and hair brush for school swimming lessons. Please note Dalton Leisure Centre do not allow long bermuda shorts.

OPAL - (Outdoor Play and Learning) – To enable all children to enjoy all play options at lunchtimes we would like wellingtons and waterproof trousers for the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Second-hand uniforms - Second-hand uniforms can be of benefit to all parents, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable. Any parents wishing to donate good quality items or those wanting to purchase these from school should contact the school office via email.

Jewellery - On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these during PE and swimming. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Extreme haircuts - The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children

All items are widely available at supermarkets
(to be purchased and embroidered with the school's logo if preferred).

The main provider of our school uniform is Identity in Barrow: <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk>

