



Great Horwood Church of England School

School Uniform and Hair Style Policy



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This policy was adopted on: 17th July 2024

Next Review: July 2026

Signed: Tom Williams

Chair of Governors

Our Vision

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Ethos

At Great Horwood Church of England School, the academic, emotional and spiritual well-being of all individuals are at the heart of all that we do; where every child and adult is valued. We are a safe, welcoming school within the heart of the village community that aims to provide all our children and adults with the learning opportunities to flourish, be healthy, grow in resilience and realise their full potential; being fully equipped and prepared for a successful future.

Inspired by Christian faith and rooted in the teachings, values and spirituality of the Church of England we embrace our core values of love, perseverance and respect where all individuals can learn to value themselves and others.

We are committed to setting high standards of achievement within a caring and nurturing learning environment. We aim to provide opportunities for children to develop a curiosity of learning, a thirst for knowledge through play, and an exploration of the world around them.

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Aims and objectives:

Our policy is based on the notion that every child's appearance in school:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical, achievable and smart;
- Is not a distraction from the learning objectives
- sets a consistently high standard in appearance whilst being accessible and cost effective.

The role of governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform and hair style policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that this policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is safe, practical for learning and cost effective.

The role of parents:

We embrace diversity and individuality at the school within the context of creating an outstanding learning environment. We simply ask that you help us to create this environment through your support of the policy, as acknowledged in the home school agreement. We request that you send the children to school well presented in school uniform and with a hairstyle that is practical, but not distracting. We ask that the items of clothing meet the uniform criteria and are clean and in good repair.

By practical hairstyles we specifically mean that any child with long hair has it tied back, so it does not get in the way of the day's work and is not distracting by nature of it being an extreme style. Hair bands and ribbons should be plain and in school colours.

Parents are also responsible for ensuring their children come to school in clothing suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day, for example coats, hats, gloves, sunhats etc. During break times and lunch children will still be going outside even in cold windy conditions and light rain. Black trainers are required for children to change into for break and lunchtimes. In hot weather children will need sunhats to protect themselves from the sun or adverse weather conditions. All headwear must be of plain colour. All children will also need a clear & labelled water bottle brought into school daily. Water is provided daily. Children may bring clear flavoured water, but we ask that children do not bring juice or squash to school.

The school office keeps a selection of second hand and pre-loved uniform that is sold at discount prices at regular intervals during the school year. Any money raised is used to support the PTFA. The PTFA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales during the school year at events, for example, the Christmas Faye and sports day. At other times please contact the school office or members of the PTFA if you wish to purchase pre-loved uniform.

The school will gratefully receive any donations of school uniform. Please bring into the school office or pass onto members of the PTFA.

We understand that there are exceptions and emergencies when it is not always possible to be wearing school uniform and ask that on these rare occasions an email or a letter of explanation is sent to the office or class teacher so that we are aware of the situation.

Please be aware that jewellery and wrist bands/bracelets are not permitted for health and safety reasons. However, in exceptional circumstances requests to change uniform on religious grounds can be applied for in writing to the Head teacher. All requests will be considered, and advice taken from appropriate religious leaders or advisors. Parents may be asked to provide contact details of your religious/cultural leader, elder or advisor so that school can better understand your request.

If a pupil is not wearing an item of uniform as identified in this policy a letter will be sent home identifying which item is not suitable (Appendix 1). After two letters about the same item in a school year the parents/carers will be invited to discuss the matter further with the Head teacher. There is a separate letter for PE kit (Appendix 2).

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Appendix 1 – School uniform letter to parents School Uniform Reminder

Appendix 2 – PE kit letter to parents School PE Kit Reminder

Great Horwood Church of England School Uniform and General Guidelines

How to Order:

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE polo shirt, water bottles and PE bags with the school logo can be purchased direct from My Clothing Ltd, by following the link on the school website or by ordering through Great Horwood School Office. All non-logo uniform can be purchased online or from any high street retailer.

Orders for clothing made to My Clothing via their website at

<https://myclothing.com/ueslink/14111.school?t=1591865816618>

Uniform

Burgundy sweatshirts, or cardigans with the Great Horwood School logo. (This is a required item)

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress. (This is a required item)

White shirt or blouse with collar or polo shirt, with or without logo.

Royal blue checked (Gingham) dresses can be worn in the summer (This item is optional)

Matching plain white, grey or black socks

Plain grey tights

Black school shoes

Hair accessories should be plain navy or burgundy

Children should also wear sensible school shoes which are suitable for playground activities. Shoes with heels and boots are not allowed. Plain black trainers will be required in school every day to change into at break and lunchtimes and for PE or other outdoor lessons specified by the class teacher.

PE

Royal blue polo shirt with Great Horwood School logo (This is a required item)

Shadow stripe navy shorts (This is a required item)

Plimsolls (EYFS) for indoor activities. (This is a required item)

Black trainers for breaktimes and outdoor activities. (This is a required item)

Navy/black tracksuits for colder months (This item is optional)

Tights are not permitted to be worn for PE so a pair of socks will be required

General

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 may choose to purchase a navy-blue reading book bag. These can be purchased with the school logo on from My Clothing or can be plain navy blue purchased elsewhere.

Jewellery should not be worn at school for reasons of safety and security. However, children with pierced ears may wear small, plain stud earrings, which must be removed for P E. If ears are newly pierced, then please provide micropore surgical tape to cover earrings and ears for 6 weeks. Please email the school office to inform school if your child has newly pierced ears and is going to be using micropore tape.

Children are permitted to wear the school's own 'values wristbands' of Love, Perseverance and Respect which are awarded to children for demonstrating these values. These must also be removed for PE lessons.

Watches may be worn at the child's own risk, but we politely request that fit bits are not brought into school as these are expensive. In line with our e-safety policy SMART watches are not permitted.

No make-up, nail varnish or acrylic nails are permitted to be worn in school.

Long hair and fringes should always be tied back and hair in a suitable style for school.

'Extreme' haircuts are not permitted in school ('extreme' being any haircut that is considered by the school to be significantly different to distract the child and others from their learning and therefore not in keeping with the school's ethos. Examples of haircuts not permitted include: tram lines or equivalent, shaved sides with longer hair across the centre, use of hair products such as gel or colour dye. This list is not exhaustive). When joining the school, parents and carers are requested to support this policy fully.

An apron or old shirt to protect clothing during art/design technology lessons and outdoor clothing such as wellies and waterproof trousers/jackets may also be required as directed by the class teacher.

School staff will undertake regular name checks in sweatshirts, cardigans and PE polo shirts and any found without names in them will have the pupil's name written on the inside label in a sharpie pen or biro. Parents will be informed that this has been done.

WE POLITELY REQUEST THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ARE NAMED.

ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NAMED WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER,

UNNAMED ITEMS WILL BE KEPT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF.



**Great Horwood Church of England School
School End, Great Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0RG**

Headteacher: Mrs Paula Shaw

Our Core Christian Values are: Love, Perseverance and Respect

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that (Name of child) has recently not complied with our school uniform and hairstyle policy. Our policy is based on the notion that every child's appearance in school:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
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The following item/items of uniform does not comply with our policy: _____

(delete or add as necessary)

Please can you ensure that your child has the following uniform in line with this policy.

Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress
Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan

Socks (White, grey or black)
Shoes (Black)
Navy PE shorts
Royal blue PE sports polo shirt
Black trainers
Plimsols (EYFS)
Navy/black tracksuit for winter PE
No make-up to be worn in school
No nail varnish to be worn in school
Long hair to be tied back (please provide a hair band)
Water bottle with clear flavoured water or water
Sun hat and sun cream

Please can you ensure that this is resolved at the earliest opportunity by (insert date up to a week) If you are having problems resolving the uniform issue, please do contact the classteacher on their email so that we can support you further. If you would like to discuss the matter further with a member of the senior leadership team, please contact the school office and we will arrange a convenient time for all involved.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Paula Shaw
Headteacher