



Uniform Policy

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'Green Lane – a Big School with a Big Heart'

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At Green Lane Primary Academy, we believe that our uniform encourages children to have a sense of belonging and of being part of a community. It is an outward expression of the Academy’s identity and promotes a feeling of pride and equality.

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our School’s Legal Duties Under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Head Teacher who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Aims of the Green Lane Uniform

Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting the number of logo items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example, by only asking for GLPA logo branded sweatshirts, cardigans and PE tops.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire pre-loved uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for School Uniform

A full list of our uniform requirements can be found on the school website or from the school office and includes:

- Royal Blue sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans
- White polo shirt, shirt
- Grey/Black trousers, skirts, pinafores, school shorts – no shorter than knee length
- Blue Gingham dresses (summer)
- Plain black school shoes

PE Uniform

Outdoor

- Plain black/navy tracksuit top
- Plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white T shirt – or school logo
- Trainers

Indoor

- Plain black/navy shorts
- Plain white T shirt – or school logo
- Black plimsolls

Religious Considerations

- Hijab in school colours only (tucked into polo shirt)
- Patka in school colours only

No jewellery should be worn except a watch and for pierced ears single studs, to be removed for PE.

Extreme hairstyles are not part of school uniform. These include, but are not limited to:

- patterns cut into the hair
- hair dyed or coloured either wholly or partly in a non-natural hair colour

4.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school

5.2 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct GLPA uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the Head Teacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Head Teacher if the situation does not improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Head Teacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The Governing Body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The Governing Body will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Head Teacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Local Governing Body.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Positive Behaviour Plan
- Equality Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy