

---

# Great Gaddesden C of E (VA) Primary School



**Small School - Big Heart - Great Start**

Mission Statement: 'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself' (Luke 6:31)

# Uniform & Appearance Policy

Review date: July 2026

Signature:

Date: 6th July 2026

Headteacher

Date approved by governing body: 6th July 2026

## **Aims and Responsibilities**

- The wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, and supports the value of respect and equality.
- The school aims to ensure that our uniform is practical, smart and is financially competitive for parents/carers.
- The school expects parents/carers to ensure this policy is adhered to and where any feedback is shared, to be followed up promptly.
- Although all pupils are expected to follow the uniform policy, the school understands that there are religious, medical and special needs elements where flexibility may need to be applied as agreed by the Headteacher.
- The school aims to ensure that there is a financially competitive option for all branded uniform, including PE uniform.

## **Description of uniform (Year 1-6):**

### **Winter uniform:**

- Long grey or black tailored trousers (flares, sport trousers/jogging bottoms, leggings and jeans are not permitted)
- White polo shirt
- Either school sweat shirt, cardigan with crest or Great Gaddesden School fleece



- Grey skirt / tunic (at least knee length)
- Socks or tights : white, black or grey (plain/no patterns and no trainer socks)
- A practical winter coat with a hood
- Footwear: black shoes (no heels)  
Trainers are allowed but must be leather and all black (including the sole)

### **Summer Uniform:**

- Red and white checked dresses or play suits (at least knee length)
- Grey skirt / tunic (at least knee length)
- Grey tailored shorts (at least knee length and no cycling shorts)
- White polo shirt
- Either school sweat shirt, cardigan with crest or Great Gaddesden School fleece (see above)
- Socks: Plain white, black or grey ankle or knee socks (plain/no patterns and no trainer socks)
- Footwear: black shoes (no heels)

Trainers are allowed but must be leather and all black (including the sole)

- Lightweight, waterproof coat

#### P.E. uniform:

- Maroon t-shirt with school crest
- School midlayer pullover
- Black shorts including cycling shorts (minimum knee length) or jogging bottoms
- Black, grey or white socks (trainer socks on PE days are permitted)
- Trainers (no high tops and black or white only)



#### **Description of uniform (Early Years):**

##### Winter uniform:

- School sweatshirt, cardigan with school crest or Great Gaddesden School fleece (on PE days, the children can wear the midlayer with school burgundy PE t-shirt)
- White school polo shirt
- Black joggers
- Black trainers (including the sole)

##### Summer Uniform:

During the summer term, the children may wear the summer dresses on days the children do not have PE. However, please ensure that black trainers are worn.

#### **Branded Great Gaddesden School uniform**

The school uses Beat Uniform to supply our branded uniform. The total number of compulsory branded items is set at 3 (Either jumper, cardigan or fleece, mid-layer pull over & PE top)

##### Second hand school uniform:

The school does not wish for any family to be financially challenged as a result of providing school uniform for their child. In order to provide support with the provision of uniform, the school and FOGGS have a large supply of very good second-hand uniform. This is available in our church, for parents to visit at all times, other than when a church service is taking place. There is the option to make a small donation in the honesty box provided.

This is available for all pupils; both new and current children.

#### **Hair**

- We expect all children to wear sensible and appropriate hairstyles to school.
- Long hair which is longer than shoulder length, should be tied back for health and safety reasons and hair should not impede a child's ability to see clearly.
- Only small hair bands and accessories are permitted and must be either burgundy or black. Large bows, colourful hair clips and other accessories are not permitted.
- Only natural coloured hair is allowed i.e. no bleached or coloured hair
- Shaved patterns/lines are not permitted

### **Jewellery & other accessories**

- Children may wear a stud in each ear lobe to school. Hoops and dangly earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons. If children cannot remove earrings themselves, they should not be worn on PE days. Parents accept responsibility for their children wearing earrings in school and potential risk for infection or injury caused by wearing them. Staff cannot remove earrings or take responsibility for any parts being lost.
- Jewellery is only permitted for religious reasons and the Headteacher must be informed of this requirement beforehand.
- All other jewellery (bracelets, necklaces, rings etc) are not permitted.

### **Make up/Cosmetic items**

- No make up is permitted. This includes nail varnish, eye shadow, eyeliner and temporary tattoos.
- Lip balms are permitted but they must not be tinted or glittery.
- Suncream can come into school with children during the warmer weather. It must be named, contain no nut based ingredients and the children must be able to apply this themselves.

### **Parental Engagement and Support**

Any significant changes to uniform will include a consultation with parents which may be through Parent Forum, surveys and other methods to consult and gain the views of parents.

If children are wearing the incorrect uniform or there are deviations from the agreed appearance consistencies, a slip will be sent out by the class teacher as a polite reminder. Parents are expected to rectify any areas brought to their attention by the next school day unless otherwise agreed by the Headteacher or other member of SLT.

For children who attend school in the incorrect uniform, the school may provide suitable alternatives stored in the school office eg. Correct PE kit, black shoes, plain hair bands etc. Inappropriate items such as make up and jewellery may be stored in the office or kept aside by classroom staff for parents to collect.