

*Grangetown Primary School*

## **Policy on Uniform and Appearance**



***At GPS, the uniform is good value, easily available, flexible, smart and comfortable!***



## **1. Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when in school and while on trips. This policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- gives a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion items can be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents



## **2. How can you get the GPS uniform?**

There are 2 ways you can get uniform items, and the choice is entirely yours:

- (i) Little Gems. All uniform items are stocked, and the tops have embroidered badges. The uniform is good quality and excellent value. The Little Gems shop is on High Street West (opposite Argos) in Sunderland City Centre (telephone 5108186). Little Gems supply a lot of schools in Sunderland and across the North East. Orders can be made online, and the goods delivered to you ([www.theschooloutfit.co.uk/shop/category/grangetown-primary-school](http://www.theschooloutfit.co.uk/shop/category/grangetown-primary-school) )
- (ii) If you prefer, you are free to purchase uniform from local shops and supermarkets. As you know, Asda - our local store - sells good quality and great value school clothing. Asda's online ordering system is excellent (free next day delivery to the store). We sell loose iron-on badges for just £1 each.

Please note that we do not stock uniform in school, and we cannot take orders. Little Gems handle all orders (and of course you have the option of local shops & supermarkets, including online orders – the Asda online ordering system is very good).

### **A note on 'badges'**

Please note that though badges are available, they are not a 'requirement' as such. As a school, we are equally happy to see badged or unbadged tops – both are smart, and this decision is completely up to parents & carers. In school, there is roughly a 50% split between badged and unbadged, and this isn't an issue in any way. The decision is completely yours!

### **3. Our uniform is as follows:**

#### **Girls**

- Royal blue sweatshirt, v-neck jumper or cardigan
- Polo shirt (white, sky blue, blue or navy) / or traditional collared white shirt
- Grey or black skirt or trousers, or grey/black dress/pinafore – note that an acceptable summer alternative would be a blue gingham dress
- Black shoes. See notes that follow, on footwear
- Boots are fine in winter, for poor weather – see the notes that follow
- Socks should be white, grey or black
- Tights – if tights are worn, they should be black, grey, navy, blue or white.
- P.E. Plain white, blue or black t-shirt, plain shorts in black, blue or white. Black plimsolls or plain black unbranded trainers (see the section on PE on the next page).

#### **Boys**

- Royal blue sweatshirt, v-neck jumper or cardigan
- Polo shirt (white, sky blue, blue or navy) / or traditional collared white shirt
- Grey or black shorts or trousers
- Black shoes. See notes that follow on Footwear
- P.E. Plain white, blue or black t-shirt, plain shorts in black, blue or white. Black plimsolls or plain black unbranded trainers (see the section on PE on the next page).

#### **Footwear**

Black, smart school shoes should be worn. Though trainers are not part of our day to day uniform, we do realise that some shops (e.g. Asda) are now producing black school footwear which is like a cross between a shoe and a trainer - those are fine and can be worn for school. Please note that coloured or striped trainers, or trainers with branding (Nike, Adidas, etc) are not permitted for day to day wear around school. For health and safety reasons, shoes with platform soles or high-heels are not permitted.

### **4. P.E. Kit**

- For PE the children should wear plain black, blue (any shade of blue) or white shorts and a plain white, blue or black T-shirt.
- Football tops, and multi-coloured or striped shorts, are not part of our PE Uniform.
- Black plimsolls or plain black unbranded trainers are required for indoor P.E. sessions
- Some girls are wearing PE skirts with 'built-in shorts' – these are absolutely fine as an alternative to regular shorts.
- Outdoors: jogging bottoms in plain black, blue, grey or white. Long sleeved sweatshirt in plain black, blue, grey or white.
- If a regular PE session is to be held outdoors, we will give you advance notice of this, including information of whether it will be on the playground or on the field.
- For outdoor football sessions (or other outdoor sessions in damp conditions), all children will need appropriate footwear. These can be in the form of sturdy trainers, which may get very muddy, or football boots. They should be kept separate from other P.E. kit.
- For outdoor football on grass – lunchtime or after school club – football boots are recommended – and we will leave the type up to parents. In very dry conditions, trainers are sometimes better – our teachers and coaches will provide advice in advance.

## Lunchtime football clubs

If your child takes part in our lunchtime football sessions, please could they bring in a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of kit, in addition to PE kit? This is in case, they are out over lunchtime and they get muddy or wet. Then, if they have PE on the same day, they have a change of kit. Thankyou

## Where can you get the GPS PE kit?

PE kit is available from Little Gems and is also available from a range of retailers – including our local Asda store. The Little Gems t-shirts have the school badge, **however any plain white, blue or black t-shirt is fine**. The t-shirts in Asda are excellent value. Shorts are available from Little Gems, and in Asda. Girls can either wear regular plain shorts, or the ‘cycling’ style shorts available from Asda. Some girls are wearing PE skirts with ‘built-in shorts’ – these are absolutely fine as an alternative to regular shorts.

## Storing PE kit

We encourage the use of drawstring P.E. bags for PE kit, because our cloakroom space is limited. Drawstring PE bags are available from Little Gems, and are also available online (Amazon for example). All clothing must be clearly marked with the owner’s name.

## P.E. - to sum-up:

<b>Indoor PE</b>	<b>Outdoor PE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain black, blue or white shorts</li><li>• Plain white, blue or black t-shirt</li><li>• Black plimsolls or black, plain <u>unbranded</u> trainers</li></ul>	<p><i>If PE is to be outdoors the teacher will always tell you in advance. Otherwise, you can assume it's indoors.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain black or blue shorts</li><li>• Plain white or blue t-shirt</li><li>• Separate training shoes or football boots</li><li>• If chilly – jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt may be needed – the teacher will advise if this is required.</li></ul> <p>Jogging bottoms &amp; sweatshirt: Plain black, blue, grey or white.</p>

## 5. Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have ‘extreme’ or unconventional haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes spiking, shaving, patterned shaving (e.g. lines or zig zags etc), and having false extensions. Dyed hair is not permitted in school. Long hair should be tied back, away from the face.

## 6. Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery must not be worn for school. This includes bracelets, necklaces and earrings - however, if a parent wants their child to have pierced ears, a small, plain stud may be worn for school. Sparkly, gemstone type ear-rings are not permitted. Hooped and drop earrings are not allowed as these are a potential safety hazard. Studs must be removed for PE, or simply not worn on a PE day. If your child is unable to remove the stud, please ensure that it is not worn on a PE day. Watches are allowed, but please note that these must be removed for PE. Please be aware that we cannot be held responsible for watches or any other items of jewellery brought into school.

## 7. Nail Polish / Make-Up / Tattoos

Nail polish, make-up or tattoos should not be worn for school.