

Graham James Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Graham James Primary Academy Uniform

We would like to clarify our expectations for students and parents so you are aware when purchasing new uniform ready for the new academic year.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and when in uniform, are all treated equally. It also helps prepare students for secondary school and life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work and/or wear some type of uniform.

The children are expected to wear school uniform at all times when school is in session, except on their PE days.

The school uniform colours are red, grey and white.

- **Trousers/tailored shorts/skirt/pinafore – grey (no leggings or jeans please)**
- **Summer red gingham dress**
- **Blouse or shirt – white**
- **Polo shirt – red or white**
- **Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan – red (No hoodies please)**
- **Year 6 – formal white shirt (long or short sleeved) and school tie**

Plain uniform can be bought from any high street clothing stores; uniform with our **correct** logo can only be bought from Uniformwise in Stanford le Hope or online <https://myclothing.com/>. This includes reversible shower-proof fleeces, sun hats, woollen hats, sweatshirts, cardigans, T-shirts (no collar for P.E.), P.E. bags and polo shirts (red or white) all bearing the school logo.

Footwear

All children should wear black shoes with flat heels or plain black trainers.

Boots, coloured trainers or plimsolls are not allowed. This includes leather Converse-type lace-up pumps.

Boots can be worn to and from school but children must change into school shoes once in class.

Physical Education – for girls and boys

It is important that the children come to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days.

Our P.E. kit is as follows:

- **White T-shirt (no football shirts or sports logos please)**
- **Plain black shorts**
- **Socks – no tights**

For outdoor P.E. in the winter and cooler months, the children should wear a plain black tracksuit/sweatshirt top and bottoms. Plain black leggings for P.E. are also allowed.

Please note: Earrings need to be taped for P.E. in KS1 and removed in KS2.

If your child finds it difficult to remove earrings, please remove them on P.E. days.

Jewellery

The only jewellery that is permitted is one pair of simple stud earrings (no loop earrings please) and/or a wrist watch. Hoop earrings and 'smart' watches are not permitted.

Make up

Make up of any kind (including nail varnish) is **not** permitted.

Hair and accessories

Please keep hair accessories simple (red, black, grey or white only) and avoid items such as large bows, coloured beads, flowers, bandanas and crocodile clips. Extreme haircuts (e.g. Mohicans) or extreme shaved hair, patterns/lettering or tramlines are not permitted.

Hair should be of natural colouring (exemption on Crazy Hair Day. Please ensure hair colours/extensions are washed out or removed by the following school day).

Please note long hair must **all** be tied back so that it is not a distraction in the classroom or a safety hazard during P.E. (Not half up and half down) This will also help to avoid the spread of head lice.

Bags and water bottles

Book bags are required for KS1 and can be used when children move to KS2. If children prefer to bring a rucksack when moving into **year 3**, please ensure it is of a small size as we cannot accommodate larger ruck sacks due to lack of space. Children should not bring in a personal pencil case; all necessary equipment is provided and should be kept in school.

A refillable water bottle is recommend to ensure your child has access to drinking water all day. Please be mindful of the type of bottle you select, as screw top bottles can lead to spillages. School water bottles are available to purchase from the office.

We are sending this letter out to clarify expectations. If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, your child's class teacher or check out the school website under the tab, Parents – School Uniform.

Staff and Governors expect all children to wear school uniform. We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things much clearer for everyone.

Thank you in advance.

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