




# Kelvin Grove

## Primary School

### PUPIL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Date this policy was formally reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body of Kelvin Grove Primary School:	22.11.24
Signed on behalf of the Governing Body by:	Mr Ian Mearns MP Chair of Governors
Signature:	
Date:	22.11.24
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**Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, governors, parents and visitors to share this commitment.**

# UNIFORM POLICY



Government guidelines strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

The uniform identifies Kelvin Grove students as proud members of the school community. We firmly believe that we must teach children that there are rules in school that must be followed. This lesson cannot be underestimated as they leave school and go on into secondary and then working life. We are not supporting our children to develop into responsible citizens if the message they receive is that they do not have to follow the rules like others and that they can be an exception. Learning time should not be lost sorting out correct uniform once your child arrives in school. Of course, where there are physical or medical needs, we can discuss with parents and adapt; these will then be reviewed on a bi-annual basis.

## EVERYDAY UNIFORM

### Trousers

Black or grey trousers (not leggings or jogging bottoms).

### Shorts

Black or grey shorts to the knee. We would recommend these are only to be worn during the summer term.

### Skirt

Black or grey skirt which must be worn to the knee or below.

### Shirt/Polo Shirt

White shirt or polo shirt.

School polo shirts with embroidered school emblem are available to order, but not necessary.

### Socks/Tights

Socks must be either blue, black, grey or white. They can be ankle or knee length. They are not to be patterned.

Tights must be opaque and black, grey or blue. Tights are not to be patterned.

### Jumper/Sweatshirt/Cardigan

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.

School jumpers with embroidered school emblem are available to order, but are not necessary.

Year 6 are able to purchase a school leavers' hoodie and can wear this to school instead of the school jumper. During warm weather, the teacher will have the right to ask the children to remove their hoodies.

### **Dresses**

Children can wear navy gingham dresses during Spring 2 and the Summer term. As the material is thinner, then we do not advocate wearing the dresses during the colder months.

### **Shoes**

Children must wear black shoes, trainers or boots. White soles are acceptable, but they must NOT have any logos on them. Shoes/boots must not have a heel or be open-toed. Shoes must not be two-toned or striped.

### **School Coat**

Although we do not dictate what the coat should look like, children must wear a coat from October to April and on any other cold/wet days. All coats must be removed in the school building. Hoodies are not a replacement for coats.

### **Hair**

Hair, which is shoulder length or longer, must be tied back. School will provide hair ties to children who need them. Smart appearance. No extreme two tone or outlandish colours, natural hair colours only.

### **Students are not allowed any of the following:**

1. Jewellery - bracelets, rings or hair adornments are not allowed.
2. No earrings or facial piercings of any kind. Pupils should NOT have their ears pierced at times which would necessitate the wearing of 'sleepers' in school time.
3. No make-up.
4. No false nails /no coloured nail varnish/gel polish/acrylics.

### **PE Uniform (for clubs too)**

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms
- Children will require indoor plimsolls and trainers (for outdoor use)
- **Children are not to wear plimsolls (black) or trainers (any colour) to school.**

**There are to be no logos on any part of the PE kit apart from the outdoor trainers.**

### **Swimming (UKS2 only)**

- Girls must wear a full costume (no tankini or bikini)
- Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts above the knees
- Goggles are optional but recommended
- Towel

- Gateshead Leisure Centre do insist that children wear a swimming cap. If there are any medical reasons why children can't, then please discuss with the class teacher.

All this should be kept in a swimming bag (drawstring bag) rather than a carrier bag where possible and kits should be washed every week.

### **Consequences**

Children wear the incorrect uniform for school Please note – this does include shoes too.	We will call to ask for the correct uniform to be brought to school. If parents/cares are unable to bring in the correct uniform for the afternoon, then children will be provided with a spare piece of uniform.
Children wear the incorrect uniform for PE	See above
Children wear earrings to school	Parents will be asked to remove the earrings at the gate.
Children wear earrings to school and cannot remove them	Due to health and safety, children will wear plasters over their earrings whilst they are in school. Earrings to be removed as soon as possible. <i>Please note that we ask for children to have their ears pierced during the 6-week holiday.</i>

### **These are unacceptable reasons for not wearing school uniform:**

<b><i>They've always worn joggers</i></b>	We have been clear that the policy is now strictly in place.
<b><i>Other children wear them</i></b>	We are addressing all parents/carers and some children may have physical needs you are unaware of.
<b><i>They'll only wear leggings/those trainers...</i></b>	Unless there is a physical need, children need to adhere to rules.
<b><i>I can't find those items in shops</i></b>	All items are readily available for all budgets and we can help if you are struggling.
<b><i>They've only got 3 weeks left in school.</i></b>	The uniform policy is for the full academic year.

Again, we remind you that this is our uniform policy. If you do not wish your child to wear school-provided clothes, please adhere to it.

Parents/carers are to be kind and respectful when discussing this matter with staff. We do not tolerate any verbal abuse when asking our community to adhere to the policy.

Should any family need help in acquiring school uniform due to financial reasons, then we will do what we can to help. Please speak to the class team, office or Welfare Team (Mrs Baker, Miss Chilvers or Mrs Phillips) and we will happily support where we can.