



We are all part of God's vine and are rooted in His rich soil. We are nurtured and supported so that we may grow and spread out into the world to love and to serve.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. John 15:5

GORING C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Policy reviewed and agreed by the Headteacher on: 10 July 2024

Signed Chair of Governing Body

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1. Introduction

At Goring Primary School we believe that wearing school uniform supports effective teaching and learning. It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school and when representing the school in an organised event.

The school follows the guidance from the Department for Education on school uniform.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/schoolethos/b0014144/schooluniform>

2. Role of Parents

We ask all parents of pupils at our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that the majority of parents want their children to adhere to the school policy. Parents should therefore ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clearly named, clean and in good repair.

3. Uniform Details

A complete list of school uniform requirements is given below. All items of school uniform can be purchased at a reasonable price from high street retailers / supermarkets, except for school 'branded' items (sweatshirts / cardigans and fleeces) which are available to order and pay for online through the school office.

4. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exceptions to this are earring studs (only gold or silver) in pierced ears, a discreet watch, and small objects of religious significance such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove all

these objects during PE and games. In addition, hair decorations, especially Alice bands, should be simple and practical, preferably navy blue. Long hair should be worn away from the face and should not impede the child's vision.

5. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels, or sling-backs in school, so we do not allow this. It is also dangerous for children to wear shoes that are open-toed. These are not allowed to be worn in school either. Trainers (of any style or colour) are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn other than when pupils are participating in organised sports or games lessons.

6. Enforcement of Policy

Class teachers will inform pupils who are not in correct school uniform of this and try to explore whether there are any underlying reasons. Pupils who persistently breach the uniform policy will be referred to the Headteacher, who will involve the child's parent(s). In all cases the aim is to rectify the situation at the earliest opportunity, not to punish a child unnecessarily.

7. Role of Governors

The governors' role is to ensure the uniform is appropriate and that it is implemented across the school. It will consider any representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and will seek to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. This includes due regard to equal opportunities and human rights issues.

The governors will respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the governing body and the Headteacher.

8. Changes to the Policy

Changes to the school uniform policy will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the governing body. Parents will be given at least a full term's notice of any changes in the policy or additional items of uniform required.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DETAILS – ALL ITEMS (INCLUDING FOOTWEAR) SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME

- Regulation navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)*
- Plain grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts
- Plain white shirt (long or short-sleeved), or white polo shirt. Polo shirts with the school logo on can be purchased from the school office
- White, navy or grey socks (or tights)
- School fleeces are optional and may only be worn outdoors

Summer only:

- Navy and white checked dress (other shades of blue are permitted where bought as regulation school uniform dress), and a sunhat (preferably navy).

** Regulation navy blue sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces embroidered with the school logo may be ordered from the school office. Further details in Appendix 1.*

Outer Wear

In cold /inclement weather all children should wear an appropriate coat to school.

- The school does not allow ‘hoodies’ or any other outerwear with large patterns/logos (with the exception of year 6 leavers’ hoodies in the summer term).
- We encourage pupils to walk / cycle to school and therefore support children wearing light-coloured outerwear (including reflective stripes) to aid visibility when travelling to and from school.

Footwear

- Black school shoes with low heel only. No open-toed shoes or sling-back style shoes of any description for reasons of health and safety.
- Sports trainers (of any colour) are not permitted.

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt
- Navy or black sports shorts
- Black plimsolls (for indoor and outdoor use)
- White sports / trainer socks
- White or black trainers (for outdoor games)

NB: Children in Year 3 and above may need other PE clothing/footwear (e.g. jogging bottoms, for outside games or team sports). Details to be provided as appropriate.

Other

A book bag is available to order and pay for online through the school office. This should be used by all pupils in Reception to Year 2. Pupils in Year 3 and above may bring a suitable rucksack / school bag instead.

APPENDIX 1 – DETAILS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE VIA SCHOOL OFFICE

The following items of compulsory school uniform are available to buy via the school office:

- **School sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces**

Pupils must wear a regulation school sweatshirt or cardigan. These each have the school logo embroidered onto them and hence are only available to order online via the school office. School fleeces are also available from the office.

Sweatshirt jumpers and cardigans are made from 45% acrylic/30% cotton/15% polyester/10% mixed fabric (with cotton lining) and maintain their colour better than alternative fabrics. School fleeces are made from 100% polyester. All garments are easy to wash and do not require ironing.

Orders will be made with the uniform supplier at regular intervals to ensure a reasonable stock is maintained.

- **Book bag**

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to use a school book bag available to order online through the school office.

Please note that there are regular second-hand uniform sales where items of good-quality second-hand clothing can be bought at low prices. Details of uniform sales are advertised in advance in the school newsletter and/or on school notice-boards.