

The Parkgate Academy Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when in school, or when taking part in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

The complete list of the items needed for school uniform are in this policy.

We think that uniform:

- helps to give a sense of pride in the school;
- promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashionable clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind;
- helps with security, assisting us in identifying pupils easily.

Girls:

Foundation 1—Year 4

Grey school cardigan or jumper or school sweatshirt, black skirt, pinafore, or trousers

Summer - blue/white checked dress

White polo shirt or cotton shirt

Flat, black shoes with a strap or laces - *no sling-backs or open toed shoes*

Years 5 and 6

Grey blazer

White blouse or cotton shirt

Blue clip-on tie

Flat, black shoes with strap or laces - *no sling-backs or open toed shoes*

Boys:

Foundation 1—Year 4

Grey school sweatshirt or jumper

Black trousers

White polo shirt or cotton shirt
Black shoes—no trainers

Years 5 and 6

Grey blazer
White Shirt
Blue clip-on tie
Black trousers

Black shoes—no trainers
Summer - black shorts

Corduroy, canvas, cotton or denim jeans must **not** be worn. Similarly, jackets in denim are unacceptable.

We want The Parkgate Academy to be the smartest school in Ollerton.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Exception to this is: ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE, games and swimming, or cover them with a plaster (or swimming cap), to stop them from causing injury.

Extreme haircuts

The Parkgate Academy does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. *e.g. patterns cut into hair or hair colourings*. The exception to this is permitted dress up days where hair designs may be part of a costume. ***Please still avoid longer lasting haircuts or longer lasting hair colouring.***

Makeup

As with extreme haircuts. The Parkgate Academy does not permit children to wear makeup to school. This includes facial or eye makeup and nail polish. The exception to this is permitted dress up days where makeup may be part of a costume.

Footwear

Like you, we want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, or with no straps or laces to keep them in place, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

PE/Games

Children should wear white tee shirts and black shorts. In cold weather, track suits can be worn. Plimsolls or trainers are needed. PE Kit should be in school every day.

**Please ensure that all clothing has a name label.
There are many of the same items of clothing and we can easily identify
the owner of the piece of clothing.**

The role of parents

We ask parents to support the school uniform policy and to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Some items of uniform can be bought from the school office.

If any parent has any concerns about the uniform policy, they should speak with the Principal. The Parkgate Academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the academy will consider such requests.

The role of Trustees

The Trustees support the Principal with the school uniform policy. It considers all parental concerns about the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is fair and dealt with sensitively.

It is the Trustees' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Trustees ensure that the uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Children not in correct uniform

It is the expectation that correct school uniform is worn at all times unless otherwise stated. If children are not wearing this, they will be asked why or a parent contacted. Should any parent not follow this guidance we will ask parents to comply and, if needed, arrange a meeting to discuss any serious reasons why correct uniform isn't being worn.

Second-hand uniform

We appreciate that although we do not expect children to wear branded items of uniform and this makes uniform more affordable, second-hand items of uniform can be sought from school. We often have a number of items donated to us by parents of children who have left school. At regular intervals throughout the school year, we will have tables outside of school for second-hand uniform to be purchased for a small donation. This will be at Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre and both Parent Consultation Evenings. If you require items of clothing between these times, please speak to the school office, Mrs Palmer or Mrs Jurkow who will be happy to sort items of clothing.

At the start of Year 5, The Parkgate Academy makes a commitment to provide the first blazer and tie for all children free of charge. Additional blazer and ties can be purchased from the school office or from the second-hand uniform stalls as mentioned above.