

GARSTANG ST THOMAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM, HAIR & JEWELLERY POLICY



Our school uniform, hair, and jewellery policy has been carefully developed to promote a strong sense of belonging, pride, and equality among all children, while also recognising the importance of individuality and comfort. We understand that every family's circumstances are different, so this policy provides a range of options to support both parents and children in meeting expectations in a practical and inclusive way. By offering clear guidance alongside flexibility, we aim to ensure that all students feel confident, comfortable, and ready to learn each day.

Branded and Non-Branded Items

Within our main school uniform, the only required branded items are the school blazer and, for pupils in Years 3–6, the PE top and bottoms. These items, along with all other uniform, are available from the Uniform and Leisurewear Shop on Church Street, Garstang or online:

<https://www.ualonline.uk/2017/05/24/garstang-uniform-leisure-shop/>

For all other uniform items, families are welcome to purchase suitable non-branded alternatives from a wide range of retailers. We also actively encourage the use of second-hand uniform, and our parish church and PTFA organises giveaways/ second-hand uniform sales to support this.

If any parent or carer needs support with obtaining uniform, please contact our pastoral leader, Rachel Procter (rachel@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk). The school is committed to supporting families who may need assistance with uniform or PE kits.

We understand that, from time to time, challenges may arise—for example, if an item of uniform becomes damaged and cannot be replaced straight away. In such cases, we ask that you inform your child's class teacher, either in person or with a note, so that we are aware of the situation.

We ask all parents and carers to fully support our uniform, hair, and jewellery policy. If a pupil is not in the correct uniform, staff will initially remind the child. If the issue continues, we will contact parents or carers to seek their support in resolving the matter.

Main school uniform for children in Reception to Year 6

Blazer:

Garstang St Thomas Church of England School blazer (with the school logo)

Options for tops:

- White polo shirt (no tie)
- White reverse collar blouse (no tie)
- White shirt with green and gold school tie

Options for shorts, skirts and trousers:

- Grey shorts
- Grey skirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey pinafore

Socks/ tights:

- Grey socks
- Grey tights

Shoes:

- Black sensible shoes (no trainer type shoes)

Other optional items:

- Tank top (bottle green with gold v)
- Green gingham summer dress/playsuit (green and white check) and white socks can be worn throughout the year but traditionally worn in the summer term

PE Kit

PE kit for infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

- Plain white t-shirt
- Green shorts
- black pumps (or trainers for children in Years 1 and 2)
- white socks

PE kit for juniors (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

- Green & gold shirt with school logo
- Green & gold shorts or skirt
- Trainers
- White socks

Other optional item:

- Black hoodie with school logo or unbranded plain black hoodie for outdoor PE

Bags

Bags for infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

- Book bag – to fit in a drawer (GST school book bags with logo are available from the uniform shop) and a drawstring bag for PE kit

Bags for juniors (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

- School bag and a drawstring bag for PE kit

HAIR & JEWELLERY

- Children who have hair that reaches their shoulders should have it tied back.
- Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum (green or white only).
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted (this includes hair dye).
- Make-up is not permitted.
- We recommend children do not wear earrings at school. Children with pierced ears may wear plain round studs only. Children must be able to remove the plain studs quickly and carefully by themselves for PE and sports.
- Children may wear a watch but the school cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss incurred. Please note watches must not be able to take a photo/video/allow communication.
- No other form of jewellery is permitted.

We ask that pupils do not bring any toys/personal belongings into school unless requested. The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to any items brought to school.