



Blackpool Gateway Academy Uniform policy

Why do we have a school uniform?

At Blackpool Gateway Primary Academy all our children are expected to wear our school uniform as we believe a uniform helps to:

- promote the ethos of our school
- provide a sense of belonging and identity
- set an appropriate tone for education
- ensure children are dressed practically and safely for all lessons and sport
- enhance safeguarding, ensuring all children can be identified as belonging to Blackpool Gateway Academy.
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Roles and Responsibilities

This policy has been consulted on and agreed by the Academy Council and school council. This policy identifies the responsibilities, regarding school uniform, of the Academy, parents/carers and the pupils who attend Blackpool Gateway Academy. These responsibilities are outlined below.

Blackpool Gateway Academy will:

Develop and implement a uniform policy which is practical, inclusive and ensures the cost of uniform is reasonable and secures best value for money. This will include:

- Publishing this policy and uniform list on the school website so it is available for parents/carers to access;
- Considering any adaptations required for pupils with protected characteristics. Any adaptations to the uniform policy and uniform list must be discussed and agreed with the Head Teacher;
- Ensuring second-hand uniforms are available for parents/carers to acquire. Information on how to purchase second-hand uniform will be published on the school website;
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications;
- Ensuring no pupil is discouraged from participating in any aspect of school life, such as inter school competitions, because of the cost of additional uniform requirements.
- Ensuring our branded items are kept to a minimum and only include items that are long lasting single use items school jumpers, cardigans or school ties and jogging pants, if

appropriate, be handed to siblings (where items are linked to house colours, academies will ensure siblings are in the same house)

- Ensuring uniforms can be purchased from a range of suppliers including local super markets or Asda, Tesco, Salisbury's, Morrisons, Lidl and Matalan.
- Where an item can only be purchased from a single supplier contract i.e. our First Class KIds, we will run regular tendering competitions where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract will be retendered at least every 5 years.

Uniform requirements:

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

All year round Including Winter

Tops

White polo shirt (KS1) White collared Shirt (KS2)
School sweatshirt/Cardigan with the Gateway Badge.

Non branded royal blue jumpers or cardigans without a badge are also acceptable.

Bottoms

Grey shorts
Grey long trousers.
Grey pinafore
Grey skirt

Shoes and Socks

White/Grey socks or tights Black shoes
Black shoes (not trainers or boots)

Summer Uniform - Optional

Grey shorts
Blue Checked or Striped Summer dresses

Ties

KS2 -Year 3,4,5 and will wear a Gateway Tie
Y6 will be awarded red ties for their final year.

P.E Uniform

Black plain joggers, plain white T-shirts and sensible trainers/pumps.
Swimwear will be needed for swimming lessons (Y4)

Hair

Long hair to be tied back.
Style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school. Headscarves are permitted for religious reasons.

Parents and Carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school dressed smartly in the school uniform listed on the website and, if required, has the appropriate uniform for the lessons they will participate in during the day e.g. PE lesson
- Inform school office/family support if they require support to provide the specified uniform for their child. The school will work with the parents/carers to support them to ensure their child/children have the correct uniform.
- Understand teachers will expect all pupils to wear the agreed uniform at the correct time and maintain a smart appearance. If pupils do not follow the school's rules on appearance or uniform the school will act in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.
- If Parents or carers have any questions about our uniform policy - please get in touch with school directly.

Children will:

- Attend school dressed smartly in the school uniform listed on the website and have the appropriate uniform for the lessons they will participate in during the day e.g. PE lesson
- Inform the class teacher or family support if they require help to follow the school's uniform rules. Your school/teacher/family liaison will help you.
- Understand teachers will expect all pupils/children to wear the agreed uniform at the correct time and maintain a smart appearance.

Complaints regarding school uniform policy

- Disputes about school uniform policy will be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy, which can be found on the website.

Review

- This policy will be reviewed by the Academy Council regularly to ensure it is still fit for purpose