



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.

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.

Blackpool Gateway Academy will:

- Develop and implement a uniform policy that is practical, inclusive, and ensures the cost of the uniform is reasonable and secures the best value for money.
- Publish this policy and uniform list on the school website so it is available for parents/carers to access.
- Consider 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.
- Ensure 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.
- Avoid frequent changes to uniform specifications.
- Ensure 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.
- Ensure that branded items are kept to a minimum and only include items that are long-lasting, such as school jumpers, cardigans, or school ties. Jogging pants, if appropriate, can be handed down to siblings (where items are linked to house colours, academies will ensure siblings are in the same house).
- Ensure uniforms can be purchased from a range of suppliers, including local supermarkets such as Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Lidl, and Matalan.
- Where an item can only be purchased from a single supplier contract, for example, 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 re-tendered at least every 5 years

Parents and Carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school dressed smartly in the school uniform listed on the website.
- Ensure their child has the appropriate house-coloured t-shirt and is wearing it on the correct P.E. day. (These T-shirts can be purchased from school at a cost of £2.50).
- Inform the school office/family support officer if they require support in providing the specified uniform for their child. The school will endeavour to work with the parents/carers who struggle to afford uniform to ensure their child/children have the correct uniform.
- Understand that 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.

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., P.E. 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 that teachers will expect all pupils/children to wear the agreed uniform at the correct time and maintain a smart appearance.

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 Uniform:

Tops

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

Bottoms

Grey shorts.
Grey long trousers.
Grey pinafore.
Grey skirt.

Shoes and Socks

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

P.E Uniform

Black plain joggers.
house-coloured T-shirt.
sensible trainers/pumps.
Swimwear will be needed for swimming lessons (Y4/Y5 where appropriate).

Ties

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

Summer Uniform - Optional

Grey shorts.
Blue Checked or Striped Summer dresses.

Hair

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

Second-hand Uniform

We welcome any donation of uniform that has been grown out of back to school so we can support our families who need this. Second-hand uniforms can be purchased directly from our pastoral team via the school office or by the parent forum. Second-hand uniforms are sold regularly at Christmas and summer fairs.

For more information, please contact our family engagement officer, Mrs. Riley, via ClassDojo or the school office.

Complaints

Disputes about the 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.

