

Garstang Community Academy Uniform policy

Why do we have a school uniform?

At Garstang Community 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 Garstang Community Academy.

Roles and Responsibilities

This policy has been consulted on and agreed by the Academy Council, staff, school council and via parent consultation. This policy identifies the responsibilities, regarding school uniform, of the Academy, parents/carers and the students who attend Garstang Community Academy. These responsibilities are outlined below.

Garstang Community 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 uniform is 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 interschool 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 i.e. our blazer, skirt, tie and PE top and could, if appropriate, be handed to siblings.
- Ensuring that logo based uniform can be purchased from a local supplier and that other items such as trousers and shirts are readily available at this supplier or are available to purchase online or fairly locally via clothing / supermarket outlets at an affordable price.

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 via the Year Leader if they require support to provide the specified uniform for their child. The school will work with the parent/carers to support them to ensure their child/children have the correct uniform.
- Understand teachers will expect all students 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 take action in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

Students 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 their Year Leader if they require help to follow the school's uniform rules. Your school/teacher/pastoral support will help you.
- Understand teachers will expect all students 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 annually to ensure it is still fit for purpose