



GWINEAR SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

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The uniform policy that Gwinear School has adopted is set out below:

Footwear

Trainers suitable for doing physical exercise in. Trainers should have appropriate grip for outdoors (plimsols or other footwear with no tread are not suitable). These shoes are the only ones necessary as children can wear them in class, at break and when doing PE and must be school at all times. If you choose to send your child into school in more traditional shoes you may do so, but they must have the trainers to get changed into. It is also necessary for your child to have a pair of wellies in school for use on really wet days in line with the schools outdoor learning ethos. However, the school does have a large range available in several sizes should this be a problem.

Where you can source – Most large supermarkets have a range of cheap but reasonable quality trainer/shoes as do most sports or shoe shops.

Legwear

Plain dark (navy, grey or black) shorts/trousers/leggings/skirt/skort etc, suitable for doing physical activity in. Jeans are not appropriate and try to avoid fabrics that will get very heavy in wet conditions.

Where you can source – any high street or supermarket clothes provider.

Upper body wear

A school-coloured (royal blue) polo shirt and/or t shirt and a school coloured (royal blue) sweatshirt, fleece, jumper or cardigan. These items do not need to be branded with the school logo although we would like children to have at least one branded top for when they are representing the school.

It is also acceptable for children to wear blue checked dresses particularly in the summer. It is best to have a pair of shorts in school or wear under the dress for PE.

Where you can source – Royal blue tops can be found in most large supermarkets and other clothes shops. The branded tops are available from Trophy Textiles (the school has checked this supplier is price competitive with other supplies in the area).

Coat

A warm and preferably water-resistant coat for being outside, any colour. The school has a full set of waterproof tops in a range of sizes for outdoor learning to protect against rain but they do not provide much insulation.

Where you can source – most large supermarkets and high street shops.

Sports Kit

As stated there is no need for a separate PE kit if your child is dressed as described, although you are welcome to have one if you wish – in school colours.

- Your child will need a swimming costume for swimming lessons – no colour restriction.
- When representing the school, we will provide children with appropriate “team strip” except when competing in the swimming galas.

- Certain sports will need some advisory and/or necessary extra clothing/footwear such as shin pads and studded boots for football. These are not necessary or indeed used in curriculum PE time and you will be informed if they are necessary for extra curricula activity.

Jewellery

Wearing jewellery in school is not encouraged as many items can present risk of harm during physical activities, PE, break and lunchtime and more expensive items can easily be lost. If jewellery is worn please follow guidance below:

- Earrings/Piercings - to be studs whilst in school and must be taped or removed for PE
- Bracelets/anklets – fabric friendship bands and times table bands and souvenir bands such as those achieved for charity donations can be worn, but any other metal other type of bracelet should not be worn in school
- Rings not to be worn in school (for safety reasons)
- Necklaces not to be worn in school (for safety reasons)
- Watches can be worn but not those with smart phone capacity (photos/text/call)
- Hair-braids and bows are acceptable but may need to be removed for PE

Ready for Learning

At Gwinear School we want all children to arrive ready to learn, play and participate fully in school life. Make-up, false nails, nail extensions and excessive cosmetic products should not be worn in school. Long hair should be tied back where appropriate for safety and practical activities.

Digital Devices and Wearable Technology

Pupils should not wear or bring devices that can take photographs, record audio or video, access the internet, send messages or make calls unless specifically authorised by the school. This includes smart watches, smart glasses and AI-enabled wearable technology.

Provision of second-hand uniform

At the end of every term a message will be sent to all parents alerting them to a time, usually straight after school, when all second- hand uniform that has been given to the school will be displayed. These items will be offered free of charge and will be available to all parents – we ask that parents are considerate of others when choosing what to take. If parents are struggling to finance uniform they are encouraged to contact the office and we will allow access to this resource in confidence.

With this practical approach we hope to maximise learning time with no need to change for different activities and minimise the cost to parents.

NOTE: Every year many items go astray and it is so much easier to re-home them if all clothing is clearly labelled with children's names.