



Gillingham School Uniform/Dress Code

At Gillingham School, uniform is designed to encourage a smart and business like style appropriate to an effective learning environment. The schools dress code is intended to provide the opportunity for collective pride in our school whilst providing a clear structure for students and parents/carers to follow.

The overriding principle to the dress code is that uniform should be worn smartly at all times.

Our local suppliers are the National Schoolwear Centre, Wine Street in Yeovil and Squires of Shaftesbury. However, as most items are of standard colour, they are all available from a variety of other retailers, e.g. ASDA, BHS etc. Ties and badges for blazers brought from a departmental store, can also be purchased from the school office.

Uniform can also be obtained from Marks and Spencer (www.marksandspencer.com - www.mandsyourschooluniform.com). Click onto the 'Kids' section, then 'School Uniform' to find our page under Devon, Dorset and Somerset. M&S will fund our school 10% of each purchase which we intend to spend on break-time play/ sports equipment for our students.

All pupils must have -

- School Tie
- Blue formal shirt with collar
- All students in Years 7-9 wear a navy blue blazer
- All students in Years 10-11 wear a navy blue jumper or cardigan with the embroidered school crest
- Black tailored school trousers or navy blue pleated skirt worn knee-length. No black jeans or chinos
- Dark charcoal/black socks or tights
- Low heeled black leather/leather-type school shoes, no black canvas or trainer style shoes.

Please note exclusions to our uniform policy:

- Jeans, chinos, leggings, cargo trousers, cropped trousers, skinny-fit trousers, mini-skirts, tight-fit skirts and hoodies are not acceptable
- Canvas shoes, open-toed shoes or sandals, high or wedged heeled shoes are not acceptable
Trainers, including leather sports' shoes such as Nike or Adidas, are not acceptable
- White or coloured socks are not acceptable

Note: Jewellery/ Earrings

- Students can wear one single small stud earring only in each ear lobe. However, this must be removed for PE lessons. No facial jewellery is allowed e.g. Nose studs, eyebrow piercings, tongue piercings etc This also applies to rings, bracelets etc

- Hair colour should be within the natural range
- Excessive makeup, false eyelashes and the wearing of fake/false nails and nail varnish is also not appropriate

This school uniform policy applies to all students until they reach the Sixth Form, which has its own professional expectations for dress

The school runs a uniform shop where surplus items donated by parents become available for re-sale. If families have financial hardship beyond the assistance available from the government family support, they can contact Tina Hull (07817957330) who runs the second hand uniform shop.

Parents are able to call Tina directly between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

PE Kit

It is essential that all students wear the correct kit for the activity they are taking part in. The following is a guide for the kit your child may need. During the winter months it is vital your child is prepared for outdoor activities in weather which is often inclement and cold. Regrettably the wearing of a coat is not allowed and to ensure the safety of your child and other children, ALL jewellery must be removed.

Whilst additional kit is optional we do recommend the following;

Plain red sweatshirt or hoody, **plain navy** tracksuit bottoms/plain navy leggings (leggings to be worn with skort or shorts), base layers, hats and gloves - these items are **optional** for cold weather.

No large logos or stripes please - we want to try reduce the pressure and indeed the cost of wearing expensive branded garments.

Activites – outdoor

Kit

Football
Rugby

Trainers for astro and courts
Boots are required if your child's curriculum involves rugby or

Cross-Country

football but they can also be used for cross-country

Hockey

White polo or t-shirt, plain navy shorts/skort

Handball

Long red socks

Netball

Reversible rugby top – only necessary for rugby

Outdoor Education

Shin pads

Tennis

Gum shield

Athletics

Cricket

Rounders

Activities - indoor

Gymnastics
Trampolining
Dance
Basketball
Fitness
Badminton

Kit

Trainers
White polo or t-shirt
Short white socks
Navy shorts/skort

A reminder that if you are excused from PE it is expected that you bring a note from a parent or guardian and bring kit (wrapping up warm in cold weather) as we feel you can still participate as an umpire or coach and we do not want your uniform getting wet and muddy.