

## GRAVENEY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The Governors, staff and students of Graveney School believe that a school uniform for students in years 7-11, and a dress code for students in the Sixth Form, are desirable and appropriate at Graveney and help promote a good working environment. Separate requirements for PE and practical subjects also make up the School Uniform Policy. The uniform items fulfill the criteria of clothing that is suitable, comfortable, affordable, practical and purposeful for an effective learning and teaching setting in a safe and healthy environment.

School uniform also serves to create a sense of identity and has a PR role to play in the wider community. Students in school uniform represent their school, so the school expects it to be worn correctly and with respect both inside and outside school.

Governors accept their responsibilities under Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Human Rights Act 1998, and Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

### Aims

Through our uniform and dress code we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Encourage a sense of equality and belonging to the school community
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Support parents to provide an efficient and value for money dress code
- Ensure that pupils from different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome.
- Communicate a positive school identity in the community.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Compulsory and school specific items (marked\*)** are available from School Uniform Direct. Unit 5 Mitcham Industrial Estate, Streatham Road, Mitcham, CR4 2AP. [www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk) Parents with children on free-school meals can apply for a contribution from the school to purchase some of these items from our stockists.

<b>School Blazer*</b>	Graveney School blazer, black with badge and year colour.	
<b>Tie*</b>	School tie. - Worn at correct length.	
<b>Jumper*</b>	Grey Graveney School jumper with school colours. <b>Compulsory</b> for Yrs 7 – 10. From September 2016, Yr 11 ONLY - a Plain knit grey v-neck.	
<b>Skirt*</b>	Black. - Classic straight or pleated, to the knee. The Graveney school skirt has been compulsory for Yr 7 girls since September 2015. This will then progress through Key Stages 3 and 4 and by 2020 girls in Yrs 7-11 will all wear the Graveney school skirt. From September 2015, we strongly recommend that girls in Yrs 9 -11 wear the Graveney school skirt.	
Coat/Jacket/ Anorak	Plain navy or black. - <b>No</b> logos. Leather, suede, denim, simulated leather, fur, shiny or plastic jackets are <b>not</b> permitted.	
Trousers	Formal plain black. - Cords, jeans, textured or fashion trousers are <b>not</b> permitted.	
Shirt or blouse	White, with collar. - <b>No</b> patterns. Shirt/blouse should be tucked in.	
Socks	Girls: Plain white only Boys: Grey or black socks.	Girls' socks must be below the knee.
Tights	Black. - <b>No</b> patterned or fashion tights. Tights should not have holes or runs.	
Shoes	Plain black, with black shoelaces if lace-up. Heavy boots, trainers, platform or high heeled shoes are not permitted. Trainers that look like shoes are not allowed. No leather or canvas pumps.	
School Bag	Dark colour. - Should be large enough to hold an A4 folder.	
Headgear	<p><b>No</b> hats, caps, balaclavas, ski masks or hoods may be worn on the school site.</p> <p>In winter, a plain black woollen hat may be worn on the way to and from school. It must <b>not</b> be worn on the school site.</p> <p>Girls may wear a plain black or grey headscarf for religious reasons.</p> <p>It <b>must not</b> obscure the tie or year flash.</p> <p>Prayer hats may be worn in the designated prayer room only.</p>	

Jewellery	One pair of stud earrings only may be worn. <b>No</b> other jewellery is permitted.	
Make up	- <b>No</b> make-up or nail varnish is permitted.	
Hair fastening	Only plain dark hairbands are allowed.	Brightly coloured scarves, headbands, or hair decorations are <b>not</b> allowed.
Body piercing	<b>No</b> body piercings are permitted, with the exception of ear studs, mentioned above.	
<b>MOBILE PHONES, PERSONAL MUSIC PLAYERS AND IPODS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.</b>		
PE Kit – available on-line – details will be given out at the induction day. School tracksuit, School polo shirt, Black shorts with school logo, Non-marking trainers.		

○ **PE Kit (compulsory items)**

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| * Amazon Rain Jacket (Black with logo)  | * Football Shorts (Black with logo)       |
| * Trinity Track Pants (Black with logo) | * Raglan Polo Shirt (White with logo) x 2 |

**PLEASE NOTE – ALL KIT MUST BE PURCHASED FROM SPORTSWEAR INTERNATIONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE LETTER PROVIDED. FOR FULL INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO ORDER PLEASE GO TO <http://www.graveney.org/pe-sport> AND FOLLOW THE LINK**

- Items in all sizes will be available on the Induction Days for parents to gauge sizes. Items must then be purchased direct from Sportswear International by 31<sup>st</sup> July for September delivery.
- All of the items above can be purchased in higher quantities but all students must have at least 1 of each of the compulsory items.
- View the online Mail Order website at the following address:  
<http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/t-online.aspx>

<b>SCHOOL UNIFORM – note to parents</b>
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***To Parent/Guardian,***

On page 5 is an up-to-date uniform list of what your child should or should not be wearing to school. As you will appreciate, we have to update the list constantly in response to changes in fashion and availability in the shops. In relation to this, there are a few items to which we would like to draw your attention.

- 1) Fur-lined hoods – we are aware that this is a fashion and that it is sometimes difficult to find a suitable jacket without a fur-lined hood. We are, therefore, willing to allow these to be worn but hoods must not be worn up inside the school or on the school site\*, unless it is raining.
- 2) Jackets/coats should be plain black or navy. Jackets/coats with logos or patterns are not allowed.
- 3) Grey Graveney School jumper with school colours. Compulsory for yrs 7-9.
- 4) Fashion skirts, particularly short skirt, tight-fitting skirts, skirts with elastic in the hem, skirts that fit on the hips, and skirts made out of t-shirt material, are not school uniform. Skirts should be of a classic design either straight or pleated and fit on the waist. The length should reach the top of the child's knee. (It is strongly recommended that years 9-11 wear a Graveney school skirt, it is compulsory for years 7 and 8).
- 5) No types of jeans are allowed – trousers should not be too baggy or too tight. Black skinny jeans are not school uniform.
- 6) Girls' shirts/blouses should fit into waistbands. Shirts and blouses that do not do so are not school uniform.
- 7) Trainers that look like shoes are not allowed, even though some shoe shops will try and sell you them as shoes.
- 8) Girls can wear either tights, ankle socks or below the knee socks. Trainer liners or socks that go above the knee are not school uniform. Tights should be plain black, patterned fashion tights are not allowed.
- 9) Body piercings of any kind are a health and safety risk and pupils are not allowed to wear any piercing jewellery in school with the exception of small stud earrings (one per ear).
- 10) No other jewellery (apart from earrings) is allowed. This includes rings, bracelets, necklaces, key chains, multi-coloured hair bands and adornments. Only plain, dark hair bands are allowed.
- 11) Make up or nail varnish are not allowed.
- 12) School bags should be large enough to comfortably hold an A4 folder and should be a dark colour.

\* **Compliance with this rule makes a significant contribution to the school's efforts to create a safe learning environment.**

We would also like to point out that mobile phones, personal pagers, personal stereos, MP3 players and I-pods and headphones are not allowed in school. If there is an emergency and your child needs to have a mobile phone for the end of the day, it should be handed into the relevant Head of Year's office in the morning, and collected at the end of the day. As from September, if your child is caught using a mobile phone on the school site, it will be confiscated and you will be asked to come into school to collect it.

Having chosen to send your child to Graveney we know that you understand the importance of good school uniform and that you support our uniform policy and endeavour to buy your child the correct items of clothing. Many problems arise, not with incorrect items of uniform, but from uniform worn incorrectly.

We would be grateful if you could check these things before your child leaves home. We also appreciate that your child may leave home in perfect uniform and wilfully make modifications en route. If this happens, your child has to take responsibility for his/her actions and accept the consequences.

Pupils who are not in the correct uniform either in school or to and from school will be given a uniform slip which means they will be given a school detention lasting no more than 20 minutes on that day. We will contact you if your child persistently receives uniform detentions. e.g.

- PE trainers being worn with shoes left in bags.
- Shirts hanging out.
- Ties too short (the tie should touch the waistband).
- Too much jewellery.
- Our school uniform stockists, School Uniform Direct, will attend all the induction days with samples and items to purchase.

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