



Uniform Policy

Temple Grove Academy

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1. Aims

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought via the school's chosen stockist, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is included in this policy.

This policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school.
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- identifies the children with the school.
- supports our commitment to inclusion.
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class.
- is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind.
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

2. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is discouraged. Jewellery can be very expensive and is often of sentimental value, and the school is concerned that items may be lost or mislaid. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears. For health and safety reasons only one stud per ear. Children with newly pierced ears, where six weeks is required to allow the ears to heal, must watch PE lessons. Studs should be used when piercing ears for the first time. It is also recommended that parents have their children's ears pierced for the first time at the beginning of the summer holidays, thus allowing time for the ears to heal properly.

Children may wear watches to school, but they must be named on the back.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. The school will not take responsibility for any items of jewellery or watches worn to school.

For safety reasons, once hair is shoulder length, we recommend it is tied back. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain. Hair bands should not be oversized.



Make up and nail varnish are discouraged.

3. The Role of the Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will, where possible, be loaned an appropriate item from our second-hand uniform to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

4. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of purple, black and white. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Some items have the school logo on are sold via the school's chosen supplier, 'Price and Buckland' at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/>. Please speak to our office staff for further details.

Children are not allowed to wear leggings at any time. Do please ensure a spare set of clothing is available for younger children in Reception.

Please ensure that every item of clothing is well labelled.



Optional items



4.1 EYFS (Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)



Purple Polo shirt, Purple Sweatshirt, Black Trousers / Shorts / Skirts, Black socks or tights. In summer, purple summer dresses may be worn. Please note skirts and shorts should be of an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.

4.2 Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)



Purple Polo shirt, Grey V-Neck Jumper, Black Trousers/Shorts/Skirts, Black socks or tights. . In summer, purple summer dresses may be worn. Please note skirts and shorts should be of an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor.

4.3 PE Kit



Purple t-shirt, black joggers, or shorts, black plimsols or trainers.

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. Children may not be allowed to take part in PE unless they are wearing the appropriate PE kit. Key Stage 2 pupils may need more specialised items e.g. swimming kit, football boots etc. Parents will be informed when these items are required.



4.4 Forest School Kit

All children should be appropriately dressed in their own clothes for Forest School. Clothing will get dirty and possibly damaged, so children should not be dressed in their favourite or best clothing. Children will be outside for at least 2 hours at a time, regardless of the weather. Do ensure they are appropriately dressed for any weather including wellies, gloves and scarves and hats as well as fleece jumpers when required. It is always necessary to pack spares in the event children get wet. The school provides a waterproof suit, but they are unlined and do not provide warmth.

4.5 Outdoor Clothing

All children should have a waterproof coat in school every day. When purchasing a coat, black, navy or grey is preferred. A school coat with the logo on is available from the school's supplier.

4.6 Footwear

Appropriate closed black shoes. Shoes should be flat and have appropriate grip so that children do not slip. Children should be able to take off and put their own school shoes on. Parents are to ensure that their child has footwear that they can do independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

4.8 Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be in school colours: purple, black, and white only.

5. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, and practical.

6. Monitoring Arrangements

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation regarding school uniform.