

Ganton School Uniform Policy

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Our approach to school uniform

At Ganton School, we want every pupil to feel safe, comfortable, confident and valued. Our school community places importance on belonging, shared identity and pride in our school, and wearing uniform can help to support this sense of togetherness.

However, we also recognise that many of our pupils have **sensory needs**, physical needs, communication differences, or personal preferences that mean traditional uniforms are not always comfortable or appropriate. For this reason:

- **Wearing uniform is encouraged but not compulsory**
- **Pupils may wear adapted, sensory-friendly or alternative clothing** where needed
- **Reasonable adjustments are always available**, and no child will be disadvantaged for what they wear
- **Comfort, dignity, and sensory regulation come first**

Uniform is offered as a positive option—not a requirement—and families are supported to make the choices that work best for their child.

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department for Education’s statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. In developing and reviewing our uniform requirements, we give high priority to value for money, accessibility, equality, and best practice, including our duties under equality legislation.

The following items are **required** for all pupils unless otherwise stated.

Uniform Options

Encouraged Uniform Items (Optional)

Pupils who choose to wear uniform are encouraged to use the following items, which support a shared school identity:

- Ganton School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with logo
- White or teal polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, leggings, skirt or shorts
- Comfortable footwear suitable for movement and participation

These items remain optional, and pupils are welcome to mix uniform items with their own comfortable clothing.

Seasonal uniform

Summer uniform (optional during warmer months)

Sensory-Friendly and Individual Needs Adaptations

We recognise that many pupils require adjustments because of:

- Sensory sensitivities to fabric, seams, labels or textures
- Temperature regulation needs
- Mobility or physical needs
- Personal care considerations
- Emotional regulation or anxiety associated with clothing

Families may choose alternatives such as:

- Soft-touch or seamless garments
- Joggers or elasticated trousers instead of tailored items
- Loose-fitting tops, hoodies or layers
- Soft-soled footwear or specific shoes required for sensory or medical reasons
- Alternative colours where a child strongly resists specific shades due to sensory triggers

All such adaptations are completely acceptable at Ganton School

Physical Education (PE) kit

PE Clothing

For physical activity, comfort and safety are the priority. Pupils may wear:

- Plain T-shirt or comfortable top (any colour)
- Shorts, leggings, joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or appropriate supportive footwear

There is **no expectation** for branded or specific colours.

If a pupil requires alternative clothing for sensory, mobility or medical reasons, this is fully supported.

Branded and non-branded items

To ensure affordability:

- The **only compulsory branded item** is the school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- All other uniform items may be purchased as **generic alternatives** from a retailer of your choice.

- The school limits the number of compulsory branded uniform and PE kit items to no more than three, in line with statutory guidance.
- Optional branded items may be available; however, wearing these is not required, and suitable generic alternatives will always be permitted.

Where uniform can be purchased

Branded items

Branded items can be purchased from our nominated supplier:

<https://steadyschoolwear.co.uk/>

Families are not required to purchase any other items from this supplier.

Generic items

All non-branded items can be purchased from:

- Supermarkets
- High-street retailers
- Online retailers

We do not specify particular brands, suppliers or fabrics for generic items.

Second-hand uniform

We actively encourage the use of **second-hand school uniform** as a cost-effective and environmentally friendly option.

Second-hand uniform is available to **all families**, including prospective parents, through:

- School-run uniform sales or swap events
- Donated uniform held by the school and made discreetly available to families
- Local community groups or online platforms

Further national guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms>

Equality, inclusion and reasonable adjustments

We are committed to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010. In line with our Pupil Equality Policy, reasonable adjustments will be made to uniform requirements where needed, including to support:

- Pupils with disabilities or medical needs

- Pupils with sensory sensitivities
- Religious or cultural requirements

Requests for flexibility will always be considered sensitively, respectfully and on an individual basis.

Complaints

Any concerns or complaints regarding the cost or supply of school uniform will be managed in line with the school's Complaints Policy.

Review of the policy

This policy is reviewed regularly to ensure it remains:

- Clear and easy to understand
- Affordable and inclusive
- Compliant with statutory guidance

Any changes to uniform requirements will be communicated clearly and well in advance and where appropriate, the views of parents and pupils will be considered.

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