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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Dear Parent / Carer

Please find below our policies regarding school uniform; the wearing of jewellery as well as the required PE / swimming kit. I hope you find this useful and please get in touch should you require any clarification.

School Uniform

At Gainford CE Primary we have a school uniform in order to make children look smart; to promote the school identity and to avoid unhelpful competition amongst children regarding fashion items.

The wearing of school uniform is **expected** and sweatshirts and polo shirts in jade green, embroidered with the school badge, are available. Children are **expected** to wear dark trousers or skirts with their jade green sweatshirt and polo shirt. For health and safety reasons, only flat shoes are permitted and the wearing of jeans and football shirts is particularly discouraged.

Order forms for school uniform items can be obtained from the school office and orders sent direct to the supplier. The telephone number for Elizabeth's Embroidery is 01642 674973 (fax 01642 6411005, website www.elizabethsembroidery.com). Items can be ordered on line using the password **0153dr**. Deliveries are made to the school and sent home with your child. Children are expected to come to school clean and neatly dressed. These items are reasonably priced with a child's sweatshirt costing around £8.25 and a poloshirt around £7.25 at the time of writing. It is perfectly acceptable for parents/ carers to buy uniform items of a similar colour from different suppliers if they choose to do so.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is very much discouraged. This includes all types of jewellery such as necklaces, pendants, brooches and earrings. Of course watches are permitted. Small stud earrings can be tolerated although they need to be covered or removed for PE or other physical activities.

Looped earrings are particularly dangerous and should never be worn by children at this school. There have been a number of incidents in this county where looped earrings have caught on something resulting in a torn earlobe.

We will ask children to remove jewellery considered unsuitable for an activity. Staff will not normally remove jewellery for the children nor put plasters on earrings for PE lessons. It is therefore always advisable, should you wish to have your child's ears pierced to do this at the beginning of the summer break.

Make-up such as lipstick or nail varnish should not be worn to school. If your child has worn these at the weekend, they must be removed ready for school on Monday.

Physical Education

All children are expected to take part in **P.E.** lessons and each child requires a pair of plimsolls (infants only) or trainers; **a dark pair of shorts and a white T - shirt** for lessons. For outdoor games lessons in colder weather children are permitted to wear a plain sweatshirt and plain jogging bottoms. You may find it is easier to have all PE items available, everyday, especially for younger children.

Swimming kit consists of a towel, one-piece costume and comb or hairbrush. Children can also wear a pair of chlorine goggles if they require them.