

The Gates Primary School has a uniform which all children are encouraged to wear and be proud of. The Governors of the school believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expects that the school uniform will be worn by all children throughout the school. Our uniform has been agreed by Governors to be as cost-effective as possible and to not place additional financial constraints on parents/carers.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

All parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to an induction event before their child starts school.

Why having a school uniform is important to The Gates Primary School?

- Promotes a sense of pride and belonging to the community of the school and supports positive behaviour;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- supports active learning and physical activity
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- it protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- helps us to identify and supervise our children during out of school visits;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform:

Required Uniform:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception Class)

- In order to support children with Sensory Needs and to align with our Physical Literacy and Physical Development work- there will now be a preferred option for wearing a tracksuit or bottoms/trainers in place of trousers/shorts/shirt/shoes.



- Green jumper with or without printed logo.

- White polo shirt with or without printed logo.
- Black or grey trousers - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black or grey knee length shorts - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black, white or grey socks.
- Black, sensible shoes or (New for September 2026-plain black trainers (no coloured logos or obvious branding and no boots or high heels).
- Black or grey knee-length pinafore or knee-length skirt.

KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

- New for September 2026-To continue to develop a sense of pride and school identity, there would now be an option of blouse/shirt with elasticated/clip-on tie with cardigan or V-Neck Jumper.



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- Black or grey trousers - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black or grey knee length shorts - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black, white or grey socks.
- Black, sensible shoes or new for September 2026 -plain black trainers (no coloured logos or branding and no boots or high heels).
- Black or grey knee-length pinafore or knee-length skirt.

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

- New for September 2026-Option of blouse/shirt with bottle green elasticated tie/regular tie in Years 3-5 with cardigan or V-Neck Jumper.



- Green jumper or cardigan with or without printed logo.
- White polo shirt with or without printed logo.
- Black or grey trousers - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black or grey knee length shorts - tailored, not fashion or casual.
- Black, white or grey socks.
- Black, sensible shoes or new for September 2026-plain black trainers (no coloured logos or obvious branding and no boots or high heels).
- Black or grey knee-length pinafore or knee-length skirt.
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Years 3-5 bottle green tie:



Year 6 tie:

- There is an optional striped tie (Gold and Green) to distinguish this important year and the roles the children play in school.



Optional Uniform:

In summer children may wear green gingham or striped summer dress or shorts.

Our PE Kit is:

Required:

Black shorts, black, grey, green bottoms or long black leggings.

Please note the image for the correct type of PE shorts - anything else is not permitted.



White t-shirt (polo or t-shirt) with or without school logo.

Black plimsolls.

Trainers (black or white)- plain where possible.



Optional:

In colder weather, a plain black, grey or green tracksuit (with or without school logo) should be available for outdoor PE.

On PE days:

Children should come to school in their P.E. kit.

Accessories:

Fleeces, Book Bags, water bottles, ties and P.E. Bags are also available.

Jewellery:

At our school, children are only permitted to wear the following jewellery:

- One small gold/silver ear stud in each ear.
- A wristwatch which must not be a smart watch linked to a mobile phone, have the facility to access the internet or to take photographs.

Jewellery of any type e.g. rings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. can be dangerous, particularly at break times and during PE lessons, therefore must not be worn to school. If your child has pierced ears only studs may be worn to school.

The school cannot be held responsible if jewellery of any kind is lost or damaged at school. Children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Teachers will not remove earrings if they are worn on PE days. If you cannot remove the studs then you should send plasters into school to be put over the earrings during PE lessons.

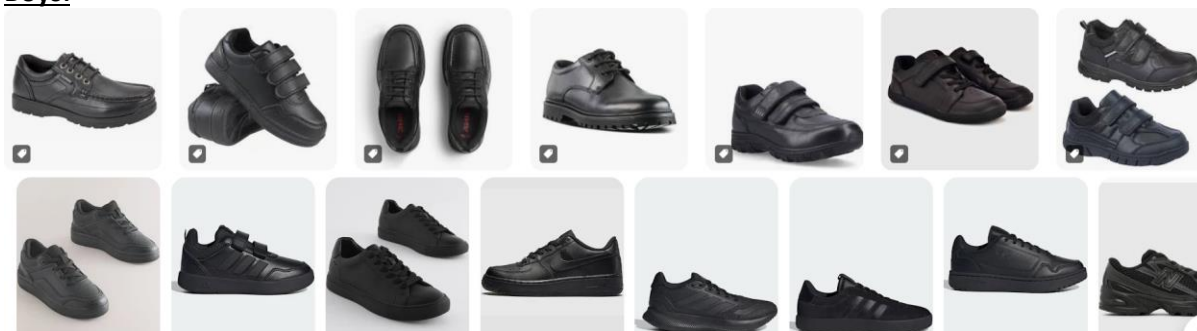
Children who wear jewellery which cannot be removed will not be permitted to take part in PE activities.

Parents who wish their children to wear jewellery of religious significance should request to see the Headteacher to discuss the matter.

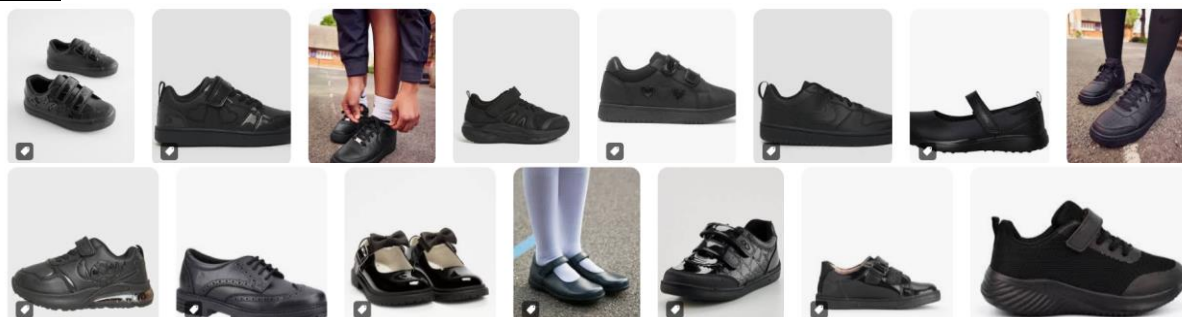
Shoes: see photo examples below

School shoes and trainers must be plain black shoes with no significant markings in other colours or prominent logos/branding. It is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Trainers are part of the outdoor P.E. uniform and must be worn on that day. Children are allowed to change into trainers for playtimes and dinnertimes providing they are able to do so quickly and with no disruption to learning. Children will be asked to change into school provided pumps if they are not in school shoes or plain black trainers.

Boys:



Girls:



Long hair should be tied back and extreme hairstyles (including Mohicans, tram lines and other markings) are not permitted. Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted.

Hair accessories should be plain and not cause a distraction.

Accessibility to school uniform

The governing body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable and will ensure that parents or carers where necessary know about any local authority scheme that can provide school clothing grants or other help towards the costs of school clothing. At the end of each half-term all parents are invited to have any lost property which is not claimed. The school has its own fund to support the most vulnerable families; these families should speak directly with the Headteacher if this is required. Our new main provider for uniform is [BL5 Schoolwear](#) (Unit 22, Westthoughton Market, 70 Market St, Westthoughton, BL5 3AZ BL5schoolwear@yahoo.com 01942367940) or alternatively Andrew Leach on Lee Lane in Horwich (01204 697624) also supply our uniform. More items are widely available at local supermarkets.

The governing body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race or religion,

Non-Adherence

If children do not meet the requirements of the uniform policy, the school will inform parents (via email, text or phone call). School will provide children with spare uniform/kit to ensure the Uniform Policy is followed.

The school will work with parents and carers to find acceptable solutions which will help pupils adhere to the uniform policy. Reminders will be included within newsletters and on the school website and ALL parents read/sign the home/ school agreement which clearly states the school's commitment to our uniform policy and high standards.

Whilst the Headteacher may discipline pupils appropriately for non-adherence to the policy, for example in Key Stage 2 there can be a loss of privileges; exclusion from the school will not be deemed appropriate action.

The Role of Parents

The governing body requests all parents to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. By choosing The Gates as a school for their child, parents must adhere to the policies of the school

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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring

The Headteacher is responsible for the monitoring and review of this policy and makes decisions in line with school policy.