Uniform Policy

Setting: Gothic Mede Academy

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1. Rationale and Aims

This policy is written in line with guidance from the Department for Education document 'School uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities'. The DfE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in 'contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone'.

Part of Gothic Mede Academy's ethos is 'Pride in Ourselves, Pride in Our School, Pride in Our Community' and our uniform policy seeks to foster this. We expect our children to be ready for school and smart in their appearance.

2. Policy

Gothic Mede Academy
School Uniform

All PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many items of school uniform can be obtained at most children's clothing stores. However, a selection of items are available from our web shop supplier at
https://www.totalclothing.co.uk/collections/gothic-mede-academy

Please note Items marked with an * on the list below are **essential items** and are only available from our web shop.

WINTER

Trousers or Dress or Skirt or Culottes – all should be grey
White School Logo Polo Shirt or White Polo Shirt or White Blouse
*Navy School Logo Sweatshirt or *Navy School Logo Cardigan

*Book Bag
Plain Black **Flat** Shoes (No Training Shoes)

SUMMER

As above Or
Blue & White Checked Summer Dress or Smart grey shorts
Flat Black **Enclosed** Sandals

All children's shorts should be the correct colour and their length should be no shorter than halfway down your child's upper leg.

P.E. Kit

INDOOR
PE T-shirt (House Colour – must be plain)
Navy Shorts
Gothic Mede Academy jumper or cardigan
Kit Bag

OUTDOOR
As indoor and
Gothic Mede Academy jumper or cardigan
Plain dark tracksuit bottoms
Trainers

All items of clothing MUST be named. If an item is lost please inform the teacher as soon as possible.

Pre-loved Uniform

Items of school uniform can be purchased on Bromcom or our Parents & Friend of Gothic Mede (PFGM) Pre Loved school uniform We will also have pre loved uniform sales throughout the year which will be advertised on our newsletter and via Bromcom.

Hair

It is school policy that hair that is long enough is tied back at all times. This is to ensure safety during lessons especially PE, science, D&T and art. It also helps to reduce the transfer of head lice. Loose hair can easily become entangled and caught in equipment. Extreme fashion hair-cuts and colorants are not allowed. Hair accessories should only be as large as necessary and preferably in sympathy with our school's colours (navy and gold) or neutral.

Jewellery

For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery in school. If your child has pierced ears, then please make sure they only wear one pair of plain studs to school.

Watches

A child may wear a watch once they are learning to tell the time, but the school cannot accept responsibility for it. This can be a digital watch but it cannot be a smart watch. Please ensure your child does not have any alarms set on their watch. If a child is being distracted by their watch in class, they will be given a warning. If they continue to be distracted by their watch, it will be confiscated and given back to the child at the end of the day.

PE and Jewellery

The Health and Safety in PE guidance makes it clear that no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons, particularly those when children are working as a team in closer proximity. This is therefore our advice to parents and our standard response. Children who cannot remove their earrings may not be able to participate in the physical aspects of the lesson. Parents will then be informed so that alternative arrangements can be made for the following lesson. Please note that teachers are prohibited from removing or replacing earrings and the school cannot accept responsibility for accidents caused by the wearing of jewellery. We understand, however, that on occasions this can present difficulties, e.g. recent piercings. In these circumstances the earrings, plain small studs only, should be covered by a plaster provided by parents/carers. Alternatively, earrings could be removed by parents during the evening before a PE lesson.

Make up

It is not appropriate for children to wear makeup of any kind to school. This includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos.

Footwear

School shoes should be smart and plain black. We understand that there are exceptional circumstances when children will not wear their shoes to school (when they've been broken or have been left at another house). On these occasions we will temporarily provide your child with black plimsolls to wear inside at school until their shoes can be retrieved or replaced.

Monitoring and Evaluation

It is the responsibility of class teachers to monitor children's dress and presentation. Teachers should discuss with parents ongoing concerns about the dress code not being adhered to. There is financial support for pupils who attract the pupil premium grant. If a child's presentation warrants concerns about neglect or abuse, the member of staff who notices this should fill in a concerns sheet and pass it onto the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy safeguarding lead.

Implementation and Review

Staff and governors will review this policy and parents will receive a copy upon entry to the school. The policy will be published online and reminders will be sent out in newsletters if there are lapses of the policy across school. School leaders will address persistent individual lapses in line with government guidance.