



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Uniform Policy September 2020

Introduction

We pride ourselves on the smart appearance of our children.

It is our academy policy that all children wear the academy uniform when attending Queensmead Primary Academy (including educational day visits), or when attending and participating in an academy-organised event outside of normal school hours (with the exception of residential educational visits and some day visits).

Uniform is compulsory and is to be worn every day.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for academy uniform in the prospectus pack, on the academy website and available from the main office.

The Queensmead Primary Academy and Greenwood Academies Trust colours for uniform are purple (jumpers/cardigans/sweatshirts) ideally with the Queensmead Primary Academy logo. These can be purchased through the academy website or from Uniform Direct on Humberstone Gate in the city centre. In addition, we specify white (polo tops/shirts/blouses) and grey (trousers/skirts).





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Aims and Objectives

Our policy on the academy uniform is based on the following aims and objectives:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the academy
- Is practical
- Is smart
- Identifies the children with the academy
- Prevents children from coming to the academy in fashion clothes that could be distracting to the class
- Makes the children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for the academy
- Reflects the ethos and culture in the academy
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Reduces the risk of bullying
- Prepares pupils for secondary schools policies regarding the wearing of uniform

Jewellery & Make-up

On grounds of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Exceptions to this rule are:

- One pair of small ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- Small objects of religious significance.
- Simple watch

We ask children to remove these objects during PE lessons and games lessons to prevent them from causing potential injury.

Make-up (including nail varnish and false nails) is not permitted in the academy.

Hair Policy & Extreme Hair Cuts

The academy does not permit haircuts that could serve as a distraction from learning for themselves and other pupils (this includes colours and shaved-in 'logo's or words).

Parents will be contacted and advised of the need to correct this. A record will go on file where this has been the case.

We advise that long hair should be tied up in braids or pony tails or held back with a plain head band. Items used to tie back hair should be in Academy colours (purple/grey/white or black) and be small and discreet (This is for everyone's health and safety during the academy day.)

A plain head scarf in academy colours will be permitted for religious or cultural reasons.



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Footwear

Queensmead Primary Academy wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or do not support the healthy development of children's feet such as: flip flops, ugg-type boots, espadrilles or high heels. These are not permitted.

We require and expect all children to wear flat shoes or boots, plimsolls or trainer shoes at Queensmead Primary Academy as stated in the uniform list.

All footwear must be plain black with black soles (shoes or trainers). Any logo must be black.

Permitted



Not Permitted





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Items of Clothing

'School Uniform'



Boys	Girls
Purple Jumper <i>(Ideally with the Queensmead Primary Academy logo)</i>	Purple Jumper Purple Cardigan <i>(Ideally with the Queensmead Primary Academy logo)</i>
Grey Trousers Grey Shorts (summer)	Grey knee length Skirt Grey knee length Pinafore Grey Shorts/Culottes Purple & White 'Gingham' Dress (summer)
White Polo OR White Shirt <i>(this item can be worn with or without the logo)</i> Academy Tie (from Year 4 Upwards)	White Polo OR White Blouse/Shirt <i>(this item can be worn with or without the logo)</i> Academy Tie (from Year 4 Upwards)
Any visible socks and tights must be grey, black or white.	
Plain Black Shoes/Plimsols/Trainer Shoes	Plain Black Shoes/Plimsols/Trainer Shoes Black/White Sandals (summer)
Purple Logo Book Bag Purple Logo PE Bag	

Sun Hats/Caps (Legionnaires Style) should be brought into the academy for the summer months.



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PE Kit

A change of clothing for any physical activity is essential. Children must bring an academy PE kit into school that they can change into from their normal academy uniform. It is important that children are not doing PE in items of their normal academy uniform.

Trainers and plimsols/pump type footwear should be used for PE lessons only.

If you have previously purchased the Queensmead PE top, your child can continue to wear this until they require a new one.



Boys	Girls
Black Academy T-shirt Plain Black T-Shirt (no logo)	Black Academy T-Shirt Plain Black T-Shirt (no logo)
Black Shorts (cycling shorts are not permitted)	Black Shorts (cycling shorts are not permitted)
Black Leggings or jogging bottoms (winter only)	Black Leggings or jogging bottoms (winter only)
Trainers (outside only) Plimsols/Pumps (inside & outside)	Trainers (outside only) Plimsols/Pumps (inside & outside)

PE is not optional! All pupils are required to undertake at least two hours of organized physical activity per week. Health and physical development is a key part of growing up and is specified directly in the National Curriculum.

All children are expected to participate fully in PE sessions unless they have a medical condition which prevents them from joining in.

If this is the case, a signed note from parents giving full details on the injury/issue will be required.

PE sessions missed will be followed up and evidence may be requested.



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The Role of Parents & Carers

- ❖ ***We require all parents/carers who send children to our academy to support the uniform policy.***
- ❖ ***We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly and appropriately dressed and ready for their daily school work and routines.***
- ❖ ***One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child is wearing the appropriate academy uniform that it is clean and in a good state of repair.***

The academy welcomes children from all faiths and backgrounds. If there are reasons why, for example, on religious grounds, parents want their child to wear clothes different from the academy uniform, the Principal and academy will look sympathetically and sensitively at such requests. These requests should be made in writing.

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed in line with the policy review framework in 2021 or as when required by the Greenwood Academies Trust. A copy of this policy is available online at www.queensmeadacademy.org

Families Causing Concern

As outlined above our academy operates a full uniform policy and therefore requires all pupils to wear the full uniform every day. Any breaches of the academy uniform policy will be followed up.

Please see the attached letter that we send when we have concerns over the standard of dress. We take this very seriously so that all focus in our academy can be about attitudes to learning and progress.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants may check uniform on entering classes in the morning and may provide you with reminders directly in order that you have time to address this.



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Letter from Uniform Policy – September 2020



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Dear Parent/Carer

Name:

Class:

Date:

It has been brought to my attention that your child has not been wearing the full academy uniform. This is a requirement for attendance and good attitudes to learning in our academy. It also helps promote a sense of pride. As you are aware from the Uniform Policy there are no exceptions to the wearing of the required uniform.

We have noticed that:

Please address this immediately. If you need to purchase additional items of academy uniform this can be ordered online through Uniform Direct or by visiting their store in the City Centre. You may also wish to search the lost property for missing items.

I trust there will be an immediate improvement in this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Latham
Principal

Part of the Greenwood Academies Trust group of Academies

