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# Gledhow Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Clarification about School Uniform**

Further to the letter sent out last week from Mrs Seton, and after talking to Mrs Parkinson, the new headteacher, we have decided to clarify the position regarding school uniform. As families might expect, we are hoping from September to further improve many aspects of school, and to this end, we hope to be clear with children our high expectations of all that they do and all that they represent.

From September the school leadership team have decided to tighten up on the expectations around school uniform. However we are aware that the letter was sent out later than planned, so we understand that there will need to be an element of compromise for the time being. We therefore suggest that if you have already bought items that don't meet with new expectations, these can be worn until they need replacing with items which are part of our uniform code. We do not want to cause anyone any necessary expense and do not want anyone to buy extra new clothes or shoes just because the expectations are revised.

## **Clothes**

The expectations around school uniform are unchanged. Children should wear pale blue polo shirts and maroon sweatshirts and cardigans. These can have the school logo on, which can be bought through the school's uniform online shop, or can be bought from various other shops without a logo. Children should wear grey skirts, trousers or pinafores. Summer dresses in school colours can also be worn.

The school uniform provider also offers school coats if families wish to use them. However there is no expectation that all children will wear school coats.

## **PE kit**

For PE children should wear white T-shirt and maroon or black shorts. There are PE hoodies for outdoor use and we expect children to wear trainers for PE which are as plain as possible please.

## **Footwear**

From September there will be no further need for indoor shoes. However we are asking parents and carers to respect the expectation that shoes are plain black. This has always been the expectation but we are now

hoping to reinforce this expectation. As previously mentioned, if you have already bought different shoes, then please ensure that the next pair of shoes you buy for your child are plain black.

We would ask that all socks and tights meet school uniform expectations and as such are plain grey or maroon for tights, and black, grey or white for socks.

## **Hair**

To meet school expectations we would ask that children have neat and sensible hair styles. This means that long hair will need to be tied up. We would ask please that no large bows or head bands are worn and that hair bobbles are plain and neutral colours. This means to match the hair colour or to be a school uniform colour.

## **Jewelry.**

The only jewelry we can allow children to wear are watches or a pair of ear-ring studs. Watches, as with all items worn for school, are worn at families' own risk and should not be one which makes noises. Ear-rings must be one small pair of studs only.

## **Bags and pencil cases**

We would ask that children bring as little to school as possible as we do not have space for storage of possessions. It is useful for children to have a bag to carry homework and reading books to school. These can be of any variety. The PSA sells some book bags and we hope that they may be able to organize a stall to sell these to new families during the first weeks back.

Children do not need to bring any stationery of their own as it is supplied in school. If children wish to, we would ask that any pencil cases are small, so that they fit in trays. Again we would remind families that these are not covered by any insurance at school and are brought in at your own risk.

We hope this clarifies the position for all families and apologise for any confusion caused from late communication. We hope that families will bear with us during changes to the school leadership. We have every confidence that going forward all of our communication will improve.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Griggs  
Interim Headteacher