

## Uniform and Appearance Policy 2023 2024

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

### Purpose

Our policy on academy uniform is based on the notion that our GLPA uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart, safe and hardwearing for indoor and outdoor learning in keeping with our academy's ethos;
- identifies the children with the academy and trust;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and prevents distractions caused by latest fashion and trends;
- Is environmentally friendly, with recycling options;
- provides good value for money.

The branded academy uniform is available from the SPT Uniform shop on Garforth Main Street, which also provides a wide range of the items specific to all the academies and schools within Garforth. The shop is open on a regular basis. General items, such as trousers, skirts, pinafores, shirts etc. are available from a large number of other retailers.

### Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery at GLPA. The exception to this rule is earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove earrings during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster/surgical tape, to prevent them from causing injury. Children may also wear a watch (not a Smart watch).

### Footwear

GLPA wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We ask that all children wear shoes that are safe (closed toe), sensible and suitable for outdoor learning (flat shoes, no heels). Trainers may be brought to school to change into for outdoor PE lessons. If children arrive in trainers they will be asked to change into a pair of pumps and change back at home time.

### Hair

Hair should be neat, no extreme haircuts and the child's own natural colour.

### Make-up

No make-up is to be worn by the children of the Academy and no nail varnish. The exception to this rule is on designated fancy dress days.

## Labelling

In order to avoid confusion and to keep Lost Property to a minimum, all items of clothing, P.E. kit, bags etc. **MUST** be clearly named.

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to GLPA correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents have the responsibility of ensuring their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

## Requests for Modification to uniform

If any parent would like the academy to modify the uniform and appearance policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of Academy.

The academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the academy uniform, the academy will consider such requests.

## Governing Body – Delta Academies Trust

The governing body monitors and reviews the academy uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Sharing information and seeking the views of parents,
- Considering, with the Head of Academy, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to academy uniform.

## Academy Uniform List



- Black trousers
- Black skirt
- Plain Black shorts (No logos)
- Black pinafore dress
- Blue gingham summer dress
- White polo shirt (Plain or with Academy logo)
- White collared shirt – Year 6
- Tie – Year 6
- Royal Blue v necked sweatshirt (Plain or with Academy logo)
- Royal Blue (Plain or with Academy logo)
- Socks: navy blue, black or white
- Tights: Navy blue, black or white
- Shoes: Navy blue, brown or black. Boots may be worn in winter as long as they are plain and flat

(no heels). In summer children are still required to wear full shoes (no sandals).

From September 2023, we have moved to our new Delta branded uniform (royal blue style). Families who wish to continue to wear the old uniform are able to do so, until the items are no longer fit for purpose.

### PE and School Sport

- Navy PE shorts, White PE Shirt (Plain or with academy logo) and pumps
- Additional Outdoor PE Wear: Trainers, tracksuit top and bottoms (No football strips).



**Nursery Uniform** (Non-compulsory) but most of the children wear the uniform as listed above.

**Bags** Children should bring a GLPA book bag to school daily, plus a drawstring bag for PE kit. We do not have the room in cloakrooms for large backpacks. Children who cycle to school may bring a backpack to school.



**Policy Updated September 2023**

**Head of Academy Jo Sercombe** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair of AAB - Steve Baker** \_\_\_\_\_

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