



# Great Corby School and Nursery Uniform Policy

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At Great Corby School, we believe our uniform helps foster a strong sense of belonging, community, and pride in our school. This updated policy has been thoughtfully developed to better support our children's active learning environment, especially through our unique and fun-filled Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) lunchtimes. We've also listened to feedback from our parents and children to ensure our uniform is practical, comfortable, and affordable.

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## General Uniform Guidelines

We ask that all **clothing be clearly labelled** with your child's name to help us return any lost items quickly.

There's no requirement to have the school logo embroidered on any clothing. If you wish to purchase items with the school logo, these are available via BE Uniform (West Tower Street, Carlisle), One Identity or the MyClothing website. To support our families and promote sustainability, we also run a second-hand uniform shop. Please contact the school office for more information.

## Core Uniform Items:

- **Jumpers, Cardigans:** Plain navy blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie. These can be purchased with a logo or plain.
- **Polo Shirts:** Plain navy blue polo shirt (White /light blue polo shirts will be phased out over the academic year 2025/2026, with plain navy blue becoming the sole requirement from September 2026).
- **Bottoms (Trousers or school Shorts):** Plain grey, No Jeans/jeggings.
- **Dresses/Pinafores:** Plain navy or grey dress, or blue/navy gingham dress in summer. Again, we strongly recommend shorts or leggings are worn underneath.
- **Skirts** – please make sure these are a suitable length.
- **Outerwear:** All pupils must bring a coat to school every day. If you would like to provide waterproof clothing (such as a coat, trousers, and wellies) to be kept in school, you are very welcome to do so. The school also has a supply of waterproofs and wellies available for all children to use during OPAL lunchtimes and Forest School sessions.
- **Footwear:**
  - Sensible all black trainers are strongly encouraged as the default daily footwear. They offer the best support, grip, and comfort for active children throughout the school day, including during OPAL sessions.
  - Plain black sensible school shoes or boots are also permitted. Please refer to the section on footwear at the bottom of this policy.

- **Book bags** – children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will require a school book bag. Each child will receive one of these when they start their school journey. Additional bags can be purchased from the school office.

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## PE Uniform

Children should come to school dressed in their PE uniform on their designated PE days.

- **Hoodie** – Naby blue
- **T-shirt:** Plain navy blue, short-sleeved t-shirt (no sports logos e.g., Nike). White PE t-shirts will be phased out over the academic year 2025/2026, with plain navy blue becoming the sole requirement from September 2026.
- **Shorts/Bottoms:** Plain black or navy gym shorts or leggings. Please ensure shorts are an appropriate length – see the picture for example.
- Jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather



- **Shoes:** All black Trainers (see photo example)
- **Hair:** Long hair should be tied back for all activities, including PE.

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## Nursery Uniform

Nursery pupils are welcome to wear the school uniform to feel part of our school community. We encourage clothing that allows for independence, ease of movement, and practicality for dressing and personal care. The emphasis on joggers, leggings, and trainers is particularly beneficial for our youngest learners.

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## Jewellery, Hair, Nails, and Make-Up

- **Jewellery:** Pupils may wear a single pair of stud earrings that they must be able to remove for PE and games lessons. No other jewellery may be worn, although pupils may wear watches.
  - **Watches:** Watches should only be used for telling time; smartwatches must not be used for games or communication. Children may be asked to remove their watch for PE. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to watches.
  - **Hair Accessories:** Should be plain black, grey, or navy.
  - **Nail Polish & Make-up:** No fake nails, acrylic or nail polish is allowed, and make-up should not be worn at any time during the school day. If a child comes into school wearing any of these, they will be asked to remove them before the next school day.
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## Where to Buy Plain Navy Blue Polo Shirts & T-Shirts:

To help make uniform shopping easier and more affordable for families, you can find plain navy blue polo shirts and t-shirts at the following retailers:

- Next – School Polo Shirts: [Next Navy Polo Shirts](#)
- Asda (George) – School Polo Shirts & T-Shirts: [Asda Navy School Polo Shirt 5 Pack](#) [Asda Navy Crew Neck School T-Shirt 2 Pack](#)
- Sainsbury's (Tu Clothing) – School Polo Shirts: [Sainsbury's Navy School Polo Shirt](#)
- Marks & Spencer – School Polo Shirts: [M&S Navy School Polo Shirts](#)

This is not an exhaustive list, just a guide.

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## Where to Buy Reasonably Priced Plain Black Trainers:

For sensible, all black trainers that are great for school and active outdoor play, consider these retailers. Remember to check for "school shoes" or "school trainers" sections on their websites. We have also provided examples below.

- Tesco (F&F Clothing) - Kids' Trainers: [Tesco Black Unisex Trainers](#)
- Asda (George) - Kids' Trainers & Pumps: [Asda Black Mesh Single Strap Trainers](#)
- Sainsbury's (Tu Clothing) - Kids' Shoes: [Sainsbury's Black Unisex Trainers](#)
- Next - Kids' Trainers: [Next Black Trainers with Rip-Tape](#) [Next Black School Trainers with Laces](#)



## Shoe Tying for Independence

For children wearing laced footwear, it is an important developmental step for them to learn how to tie their own shoelaces. This skill not only promotes independence and self-reliance but also ensures their footwear remains secure during active play and learning, preventing trips and falls.

We encourage parents to teach their children this valuable life skill. Here is a fantastic video that offers a clear and easy-to-follow guide on how to teach children to tie their shoes:

- **How To Tie Your Shoes - Easy for Kids!** [YouTube: HOW TO TIE YOUR SHOES - Easy for Kids!](#)

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We believe this updated uniform policy provides a comfortable, practical, and cost-effective solution that truly supports every child's learning journey and their energetic participation in all aspects of school life, especially our fantastic OPAL activities.