



THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR **JUNIOR** SCHOOL

UNIFORM **Reception**

IMPORTANT UNIFORM AND GENERAL APPEARANCE INFORMATION

At The Portsmouth Grammar Junior School uniform is an important part of our school ethos. Our bespoke uniform instils in our pupils a strong sense of community and identity and encourages them to take pride in their appearance. We appreciate the support of parents in maintaining this tradition.

Naming

It is essential that every item of a pupil's clothing is named (including underwear and shoes) to avoid problems with lost property.

All items must be named on the outside and in the following places if possible:

- PE and Games Shirts – top left hand side of the chest
- Shorts – bottom left side of leg
- Socks – on the outside at the top
- Trainers – inside the tongue
- PE Bag – in the centre

Shoes

In order to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment or expense, please take careful note of the restrictions listed below and resist any pleas for variation! This will ensure that we maintain a degree of uniformity with regard to the children's shoes, as befits our traditional, smart school uniform. Shoes should be all-black leather lace-ups with black laces or Velcro fastening. Pupils have the option of buckle or Velcro fastening shoes.

Kindly note that the following features are not permitted:

- Slip-ons
- Suede or patent leather, wholly or in part
- Raised heels (2.5cm maximum); motifs; coloured stitching or tabs
- Laces or straps passed around the rear of the shoe
- Raised backs (boots)
- Open toe
- Flashing lights
- Sparkly adornments

Make Up

• No make-up of any kind may be worn, including the use of nail varnish. No coloured or glittery lip balm may be used.

Jewellery

• Only plain stud earring (gold/silver) may be worn. Parents are requested that in the interest of Health & Safety these should not be worn on PE days. Pupils wishing to have their ears pierced should try to have this done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that the studs may be removed.

Hair

Hair should be smart in appearance. Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied back with bands or ribbons in plain red or black, or made from appropriate uniform material. We ask that no fashion or hair adornments are worn. At PGS, we acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our black pupils' and staff identities. We have adopted [The Halo Code](#), a pledge that celebrates Afro-textured hair worn in all styles as long as the style does not pose a risk to the individual (this is at the discretion of the teacher).

Bags

• All pupils should have a PGJS book bag which should travel to and from school in their PGJS backpack on a daily basis. Please do not allow children to attach key rings etc. to their bags. No holdalls or plastic bags are permitted.

Art/ Craft/ Technology

• All pupils are provided with overalls by the School for these activities.

Dressing

• All children entering the Reception classes are expected to be able to dress and undress themselves with the minimal amount of help.

Kilt / Dress Uniform

- *PGS Blazer (must be worn to and from school)
- Plain cotton vest (white)
- *Polo shirt (yellow) – autumn & spring terms
- *Long sleeved, crew-necked jumper (red)
- *PGJS Fleece (red) – to be kept in school on peg for use at playtimes
- *PGJS kilt (red & black) – autumn & spring terms
- *PGJS striped dress (red & white) – summer & first half autumn term
- *Tights or knee-length socks (red) with kilt
- Black jogging bottoms (for use to and from school in very cold weather)
- Plain ankle-length socks (white) – with striped dress

Traditional plain leather Velcro or buckle fastening shoes (black – with kilt; red or black with striped dress)

Lightweight nylon front fastening waterproof (navy)

- *PGJS backpack, clearly named on the outside

- *PGJS book bag, clearly named on the outside

A4 plastic pocket folder for record of achievement

OPTIONAL

- *Wool hat (black or red)

- *Scarf (plain black or red)

- *Gloves (black or red)

Coat or anorak (plain black or navy with plain lining)
– no fashion coats

Trouser Uniform

- *PGS blazer (must be worn to and from school)
- Plain cotton vest (white)
- *Polo shirt (yellow)
- *Long sleeved, crew-necked jumper (red)
- *PGJS fleece (red) – to be kept in school on peg for use at playtimes
- Short trousers (grey with no cargo pockets)
- Black jogging bottoms (for use to and from school in very cold weather)
- *Knee-length socks (PGJS pattern)
- Traditional plain leather Velcro fastening shoes (black)

Lightweight nylon front fastening waterproof (navy)

- *PGJS backpack, clearly named on the outside

- *PGJS book bag, clearly named on the outside

A4 plastic pocket folder for record of achievement

OPTIONAL

- *Wool hat (black or red)

- *Scarf (plain black or red)

- *Gloves (black or red)

Coat or anorak (plain black or navy with plain lining)
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PE Kit

- *Black PE bag
- *PGJS swimming bag (summer term)
- Towel with loop (summer term)
- Swimming cap (summer term)
- *Sun hat (red) – not to be worn to and from school
- Goggles (summer term)
- Swimming trunks / costume (red or black) – summer term

Plain polo shirt (white)

Plain cotton shorts (white)

Plain jogging bottoms with elasticated ankles (black)

Plain ankle socks (white)

Plain Velcro fastening trainers (mainly white, red black)

OPTIONAL

Towelling dressing gown and flip flops / Crocs for use to and from the swimming pool (summer term)

*All items marked with a red astrix must be obtained from the School Uniform Shop at PGS

Requests for variation in school uniform

The Portsmouth Grammar School is a Christian non-denominational school that welcomes pupils of all faiths and none. Parents should be aware that all pupils at The Portsmouth Grammar School are required to wear a uniform.

The Head will consider written requests from parents for variations in the uniform on religious or medical grounds that are consistent with the School's ethos and its policy on health and safety. The Head may take expert advice, and arrange to meet with the parents to discuss the implications of such a request.

The School Uniform Shop

Our uniform is available to purchase through our own dedicated Uniform Shop situated in the heart of the school. For further information or to book an appointment please telephone: 023 9236 4255 or email: uniformshop@pgs.org.uk

The Uniform Shop will be happy to answer any queries parents may have regarding school uniform.