

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following the uniform policy is an important part of a pupil's education and lifelong learning. It provides a sense of belonging and equality and encourages pride in both being a member of Greenbank High School and in pupils' appearance.

Our uniform policy balances comfort, inclusivity, and affordability with a clear commitment to our school's values.

**All pupils must follow the Greenbank High School Uniform policy as an entry requirement.**

**For school:**

**Students are permitted to wear either their school uniform or their school PE kit to school. The school blazer can be worn with both options.**

**Students are required to have both the Greenbank High School Uniform and the Greenbank High School PE kit, as certain events and school activities may require one or the other to be worn.**

**All students must wear their PE kit on days they have PE.**

The flexibility to wear either full school uniform or full PE kit is grounded in recent evidence and best-practice from UK-wide initiatives. In particular, the "always active uniform" model promoted by Youth Sport Trust provides a robust research-based framework supporting our aims: greater inclusion, increased activity, and continued commitment to high standards.

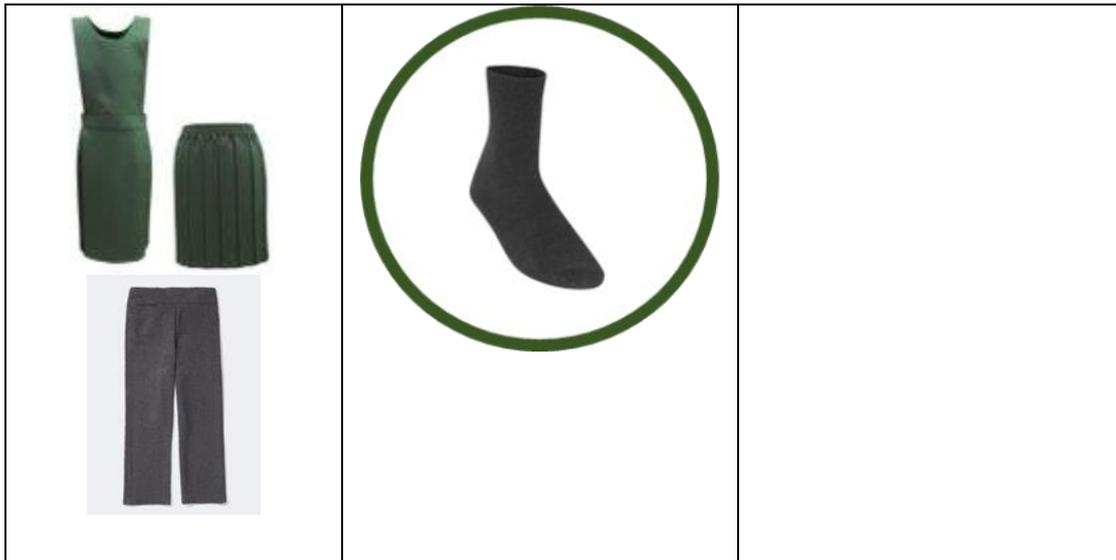
**Greenbank High School uniform:**

- Greenbank High School branded grey piped blazer (featuring green trim and the school badge). We recommend choosing a size with room to grow as the blazer is designed to last several years.
- Dark green 'A' line or pleated skirt/dark green pinafore dress/dark grey tailored school trousers.

- Plain white reverse blouse (short or long sleeved).
- Plain grey, green, black, or white socks. If tights are worn, they must be grey or black.
- Plain black, flat, sturdy shoes or plain black trainers.
- An optional dark green jumper or cardigan.
- A plain waterproof coat or jacket may be worn on the way to school or outdoors.
- Hairbands and bobbles (which are needed to tie hair back in practical subjects) or head scarves should be black or dark green.
- Jewellery – one small pair of stud earrings in the lobe of the ear is permitted.

**Bracelets, necklaces and rings must not be worn. For health and safety reasons, facial piercings are not allowed in school.**

<p>Greenbank High School Piped Blazer</p> 	<p>Plain white reverse blouse.</p> 	<p>An optional green jumper or cardigan.</p> 
<p>A green pleated skirt, pinafore, or grey tailored school trousers.</p>	<p>Plain black, grey, green, or white socks or black or grey tights.</p>	<p>Plain flat, sturdy shoes or plain black trainers.</p> 



**Greenbank High School PE kit:**

- Greenbank High School branded PE top (short or long sleeved).
- Greenbank High School branded PE hooded top.
- Plain black unbranded football-style shorts or plain black unbranded skirt.
- Plain black unbranded full-length leggings (must not have mesh parts or any cut out sections) or plain black unbranded jogging bottoms (must not be flared).
- Trainers appropriate for sport.
- Black or white socks must be worn with PE kit (sports socks, ankle, or trainer socks).

<p>Greenbank High School Hooded PE top (branded item).</p> 	<p>Greenbank High School PE top - short or long sleeved (branded item).</p> 	<p>Plain black unbranded leggings or jogging bottoms.</p>  
<p>Plain black unbranded football-style shorts or skirt.</p>  	<p>Trainers appropriate for sport.</p> 	

## **Suppliers**

Items of school uniform can be obtained from the following local suppliers.

Unbranded items can be found in a wide range of high street retailers.

Whittakers	Southport	01704 533394
Zips and Snips	Southport	01704 231188

## **Pre-Loved Uniform and Swap Shop**

To support families and reduce uniform costs, we operate a **Pre-Loved Uniform Scheme**. This initiative helps promote **affordability, sustainability, and community support** while ensuring all students maintain the required uniform standards.

This includes:

- **Availability:** good-quality, second-hand uniform items are available for collection from school throughout the year.
- **Swap Shops:** we hold regular **Uniform Swap Shop events**, where parents and carers can donate outgrown items and pick up replacements free of charge.
- **Condition:** all pre-loved items are checked to ensure they meet the school's uniform standards.
- **Donations:** families are encouraged to donate clean, wearable uniform items to help others and reduce waste.
- **Contact:** for details on upcoming swap shop dates or to request items, please check out our socials or contact enquiries.

We encourage parents and carers to recycle any items of uniform which are no longer required. Unwanted items can be handed into the following:

- **Queenscourt** Charity Shops at 150 Cambridge Road Churchtown PR9 7LW, 28 Chapel Street Southport PR8 1BH, and 88-90 Bispham Road Southport PR9 7DF.
- **The Uniform Hub (Compassion Acts)** at 9 to 11 Cambridge Walks, Cambridge Arcade, Southport, PR8 1EN (Wednesday to Friday 11am to 2pm) or the Victoria Centre, 197a Sussex Road, Southport, PR8 6DG (Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm).

**The Uniform Hub accepts gently used uniform donations from local families and redistributes them to others who need them. Families can take these items in return offering a small donation.**

- **Our school office also accepts uniform donations all year round.**

## **Physical education**

**All students must wear their PE kit on days they have PE.**

### **Compulsory kit**

#### **Top**

Greenbank High School branded **PE top** (this can be the short or long-sleeved option) (purchased via local school providers).

Greenbank High School branded **PE hooded top** (purchased via local school providers).

#### **Bottoms**

There are four options available for this, and all items can be worn throughout the year. Families can decide which item/s to purchase. Purchasing one of the bottom items would be suitable for all PE activities.

Option 1 – plain black unbranded **skort**.

Option 2 – plain black **football-style shorts**.

Option 3 – plain black unbranded **jogging bottoms**.

Option 4 – plain black unbranded **leggings**.

#### **Socks and trainers**

All pupils are required to change their socks for PE for hygiene reasons. For hockey and football, they will need **plain black or white football/ hockey socks**.

For all other activities where trainers are required, pupils can wear **black or white socks**.

**Trainers must be suitable to take part in sport.** Astro shoes are acceptable.

For health and safety reasons, all pupils will take part in gymnastics in bare feet. If there is a medical issue regarding this, a note must be provided to the PE teacher.

### **Additional information regarding PE kit policy**

All hair below shoulder length should be tied back for health and safety reasons, so pupils are required to bring a hair bobble as part of their PE equipment. It is advisable that, on a PE day, pupils already have their hair tied back.

Jewellery **must not** be worn for PE. This is advised by the PE Health and Safety Body due to the risk of injury. All earrings and watches must be removed during PE lessons.

### **Unfit to physically take part in PE**

If your child is injured or unwell on their PE day, a note is required to let their PE teacher know the reasons they are unable to take part physically in the lesson. Pupils are expected to still wear their PE kit (they will be given another role within the lesson to continue to support their learning).

### **Students forgetting kit**

If a student forgets to wear their kit on a PE day, they must borrow out of the spare PE stock. Students who forget their PE kit will be given a behaviour point. We request your support in this matter.