Great Arley School
Dare to Dream, Aim to Achieve

Our vision

- To become a great provider and recognised leader of SEND in Lancashire
- To provide the right curriculum that is personalised for every child to ensure they reach their full potential
- To provide a safe & thriving environment for both staff and pupils where wellbeing is paramount

Uniform and Appearance Policy 2026 - 2027

DATE REVIEWED	REVIEWED BY	NEXT REVIEW DATE
Summer 2026	Nicola Holland	Autumn 2027

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Uniform and Appearance Policy

Uniform at Great Arley is compulsory and must always be worn correctly by all pupils. Our current uniform was the idea of our pupils who took their request, via our school council, to governors who agreed to our current uniform.

Our uniform creates a sense of pride and a single identity for all pupils who feel part of the Great Arley team.

In line with the principles of the Children's Wellbeing legislation, Great Arley is committed to ensuring that uniform expectations support the wellbeing, dignity, and equality of all pupils and their families. Our uniform policy is designed to be affordable, practical, and inclusive, reducing unnecessary financial burden while maintaining a strong sense of identity and belonging within the school community.

We are supporting our pupils in their preparation for adulthood and the world of work by insisting on high standards of dress, conduct and appearance.

We ask parents and carers to support us in our policy and ensure that their children are dressed appropriately for school and ready to learn.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 Uniform

Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 PE Kit

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	Girls	Boys
Shirt	White polo shirt	White polo shirt
Sweater	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
Trousers	Full-length grey trousers, with normal leg width. No skinny leg or causal 'jean' type trousers.	Full-length grey trousers, with normal leg width. No skinny leg or causal 'jean' type trousers.
Skirt	Grey, knee-length, A-line style skirt	
Summer	Checked blue dress – summer term only.	Formal grey shorts - summer term only.
Socks	White or grey socks. Grey tights.	Plain, dark coloured socks.
Shoes	Traditional shoe in black leather / faux leather. Heels no higher than 3cms. For safety reasons no ballet pumps, sandals or slingbacks are permitted. No trainers, canvas shoes or boots with heels are permitted.	Traditional shoe in black leather / faux leather. No trainers, boots or canvas shoes are permitted.
Hair	A reasonable style in pupil's own natural hair colour. Not patterned, stepped, shaved, spiked or beaded. Preferably, long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. Plain hair bobbles, slides or head bands in dark colour – black, brown or navy blue are permitted.	A reasonable style in pupil's own natural colour. Not patterned, stepped, shaved, spiked, cut no shorter than a number 2 or longer than collar length. Pupils must be clean shaven.
Jewellery	No jewellery may be work other than a watch and a pair of plain, metal stud earrings. No facial piercings are allowed.	No jewellery may be work other than a watch and a pair of plain, metal stud earrings. No facial piercings are allowed.
Make-Up	Make-up, false tan, false nails or nail varnish are not permitted in school.	Make-up, false tan, false nails or nail varnish are not permitted in school.
PE Kit	Royal blue badged hoodie. Plain black shorts, skort, leggings or tracksuit trouser. Plain white polo shirt. Black socks. Training shoes.	Royal blue badged hoodie. Plain black shorts, skort, leggings or tracksuit trouser. Plain white polo shirt. Black socks. Training shoes.

Key Stage 3 & 4 Uniform

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	Girls	Boys
Blazer	Navy blue with school badge.	Navy blue with school badge.
Ties	Key Stage 3 - School tie with pale blue stripe Key Stage 4 – School tie with gold stripe.	Key Stage 3 - School tie with pale blue stripe Key Stage 4 – School tie with gold stripe.
Shirt	White with shirt collar	White with shirt collar
Sweater	Navy blue V-neck or cardigan	Navy blue V-neck
Trousers	Full-length grey trousers, with normal leg width. No skinny leg or causal 'jean' type trousers.	Full-length grey trousers, with normal leg width. No skinny leg or causal 'jean' type trousers.
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ALL PUPILS

Outdoor coat	Plain style coat suitable for the weather. Leather, denim or suede are not permitted, nor are hoodies in place of a coat. The only exception is in Year 11 when pupils are permitted to wear their Leavers' hoodies.
Personal hygiene and tidiness	A high standard of cleanliness and hygiene is expected, and it is each pupil's responsibility to ensure their uniform and personal appearance is clean and tidy.
Cycling	Pupils who cycle or scooter to school must wear a cycle helmet and it is recommended they also wear reflective bands. A cycle lock will be required and suitable cycle lights during the winter months.
Non-uniform days	Appropriate dress, suitable and safe for school activities, is expected. Make-up, additional jewellery, clothing with wording deemed offensive, are not permitted.

Second Hand Uniform

Great Arley has a large range of good quality, spare, second hand uniform available to our students. This includes jumpers, blazers, trousers, skirts and shirts.

Please contact the WASPS if you require support with school uniform.