



20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of the most challenging year I think we have ever had and we now look forward to a more normal year hopefully, beginning in September.

With this in mind, it is vital that we reset our uniform expectations for September. It is also important to point out that, although we refer to 'Girls' trousers in this email, this is simply to provide guidance of what is acceptable. We need to move away from 'Girls' and 'Boys' uniform and refer to 'School' uniform. It matters not which gender wears trousers, skirts, leggings, school PE shorts or school tracksuit bottoms. What matters is that items of uniform meet the expected standard.

During terms 5 and 6, we met with a variety of students about girls' uniform trousers and PE leggings. We also worked with our parent body around the opportunity for students to wear school uniform shorts if they wished.

Our students have tried and tested a selection of school trousers (links and photos below). The students have also agreed that being able to buy non-branded plain navy leggings as an alternative to the Gordano leggings would be good (links below to some alternatives students have bought).

It is important that parents/carers and students acquire the correct and acceptable uniform for September 2021. Below are a few reminders of what is expected:

- Trousers can be fitted, but must not be tight fitting around the lower leg (please see photos below for guidance).
- Girls are able to wear school branded shorts and tracksuit bottoms.
- Footwear must be black polishable. Cloth material footwear is not permitted.
- Skirts/Shorts must sit just above the knee. It is not permitted to roll up skirts or shorts.
- PE leggings must be navy blue and either Gordano branded or non-branded. Black leggings are not permitted.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- If wearing school uniform shorts/skirts, socks/tights must be grey or black.
- Uniform must be either full school uniform or full PE/Dance Kit on PE/Dance days. A mix of both is not permitted - e.g. Blazer, shirt, tie and leggings.

We have also decided that students may continue to wear PE/Dance kit on the days they have PE or Dance, but may change at the end of the lesson should they chose to.

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Please also ensure that if students choose to have piercings, hair dye, false nails, nail varnish, etc., that these can be removed or hair/nails sorted before returning to school in September. Should students come to school without any of the above resolved, parents/carers will be asked to collect their child and resolve the issue asap. Uniform is a key element of belonging to the family of Gordano School and the wider school community and students, parents and carers must adhere to these expectations. The school reserves the right to make the final decision of whether a student's uniform meets the expected standard.

We would really appreciate a smooth and positive start to the new school year, so please ensure the uniform expectations are adhered to, to avoid any consequence for the students.

Finally, a huge thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support this year and a particular thanks to our fab students who have worked so hard in difficult circumstances. Have a wonderful but safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September, especially our new year 7 cohort.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McGilloway', written in a cursive style.

**Danny McGilloway**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Pastoral Care

## **Girls' trousers, PE leggings and uniform shorts**

Other than at our online suppliers (link below) and of course The Sports Shop on Portishead High Street, we have listed other suppliers with links and photos to help parents/carers and students in making their choice.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/gordano-school.html>

## **Marks & Spencer**

[https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-girls-skinny-leg-trousers/p/clp60450786?color=GREY#intid=plpnav\\_swatch](https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-girls-skinny-leg-trousers/p/clp60450786?color=GREY#intid=plpnav_swatch)

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-girls-slim-leg-trousers/p/clp60450795?color=GREY>

[https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-super-skinny-zip-school-trousers/p/clp60498280?color=GREY#intid=plpnav\\_swatch](https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-super-skinny-zip-school-trousers/p/clp60498280?color=GREY#intid=plpnav_swatch)

[https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-skinny-leg-belted-trousers/p/clp60450834?color=GREY#intid=plpnav\\_swatch](https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-skinny-leg-belted-trousers/p/clp60450834?color=GREY#intid=plpnav_swatch)

[https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-slim-leg-slim-fit-trousers/p/clp60452594?color=GREY#intid=plpnav\\_swatch](https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-slim-leg-slim-fit-trousers/p/clp60452594?color=GREY#intid=plpnav_swatch)



## John Lewis & Partners

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-girls-adjustable-waist-stain-resistant-button-school-trousers-grey/p5029073>

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-girls-adjustable-waist-slim-fit-trousers-grey/p5181992>

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-girls-adjustable-waist-stain-resistant-pull-on-school-trousers-grey/p5029167>



## Next

<https://www.next.co.uk/style/st398331/322512#322512>

<https://www.next.co.uk/style/st360035/307251#307251>



## George @ Asda

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-slim-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM757198,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21>

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-slim-fit-slim-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM759486,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21>

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-skinny-leg-pull-on-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM760578,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21>

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-plus-fit-slim-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM757196,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21>



## Navy PE Leggings

**Matalan**

[https://www.matalan.co.uk/product/detail/s2805069\\_c270/souluxe-navy-gym-leggings-navy](https://www.matalan.co.uk/product/detail/s2805069_c270/souluxe-navy-gym-leggings-navy)



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<https://www.next.co.uk/style/st433103/402231#402231>



## School Uniform Shorts

### Marks & Spencer

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/2-pack-boys-regular-leg-shorts/p/clp60091661?color=GREY>

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-regular-fit-shorts/p/clp60100203?color=GREY>



### John Lewis & Partners

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-girls-adjustable-waist-city-school-shorts-grey/p5565575>

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-girls-adjustable-waist-stain-resistant-city-school-shorts-grey/p5029087>

<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-partners-boys-regular-length-adjustable-waist-stain-resistant-school-shorts/grey/p5029223>



## George @ Asda

(Although these look black, they are charcoal grey)

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/boys-charcoal-regular-fit-slim-leg-school-shorts-2-pack/GEM733317,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C17>

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/boys-charcoal-adjustable-waist-school-shorts-2-pack/GEM733814,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C17>

