GREYTOWN SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the end of 2014 a group of parents carried out a survey with our community which identified that our school community wanted a uniform that...

- Clearly identifies us as Greytown School.
- We could all be proud of when our children are in and out of our school and when children are representing our school.
- Would make our children look SHARP and encourage them to take Pride in their appearance.
- Would help cut down on the amount of mufti clothes children and parents/caregivers were buying, requesting, wearing and washing.

As a result, the following uniform was designed by a parent run uniform committee. It was introduced at the beginning of 2015 and had a two year transition period which ended in December 2016. As of the beginning of 2017 it is now a compulsory part of our school.

To help us to set and maintain a high standard of uniform we need everyone to work together .

Please read the following points to ensure we can achieve this.

High Standards and Pride

We need you as our parents, grandparents and caregivers to help us maintain a high standard of uniform. You can do this by ensuring your child has

- the correct uniform
- it is washed regularly
- Repaired or replaced when ripped, damaged or worn out.

Responsibility and reinforcement of the uniform

Ultimately it is your responsibility as your child's caregiver to reinforce the correct uniform on a day-to-day basis as you are the responsible for purchasing, caring and sending children to school in it.

As teachers and school leaders we will

- send home notices to children who are wearing non-regulation uniforms for caregivers to follow up with, again we rely on parents/caregivers to rectify this situation as soon as possible.
- Ring caregivers to remind them and/or work with them to rectify any repeated patterns of children wearing non-regulation items.

We will always do our best to ensure a high standard of uniform throughout the school, however the final responsibility is that of the child's caregivers/parents.

Uniform Passes

If your children needs to wear non-regulation items for a day or two, then please write a note to your teacher to inform them that this is a temporary situation. Children can also use these notes to show duty teachers and leaders when reminded about wearing the correct uniform.

Naming and Lost Property

We need all items to be clearly labelled and named.

If shoes are black inside you can write names on the inside by using "twink".

We do our best to remind children to take responsibility for their belongings, however as you know that is challenging. As a result we often have quite a few items in our lost property; which is located outside Room 9. Our school monitors do their best to return all named items to children and classes, however we encourage parents/caregivers to check this if you are missing anything.

We also ask parents/caregivers to check that your child has taken their uniform home. It is not uncommon for children to mistakenly take shoes or sweatshirts home that belong to other children believing it is theirs.

At the end of each term we will remind parents/caregivers to come and check the lost property if it is building up. Once we have notified our community and items are not named or collected within a notified time period, we will give items away.

Muddy months and spare change of clothes

We want our children to be able to enjoy the outdoors, however we need to also think of our carpets and children's work spaces; especially with children sitting on the mat, lying on the floor or using communal seating etc. As a result if your child likes to get muddy can you please supply them with an additional pair of pants or shorts to wear inside, and a plastic bag to put their muddy clothes in.

If your child does not have a change of clothes, we will request that they clean them, ring you or if no other option is available we will ask them to wear their pants inside out while they are indoors (so please give them a change of clothes!)

Hair and Hair accessories

All long fringes need to be clipped or pulled back using a headband to avoid it hanging over their eyes.

All children are to wear their hair up once it touches their shoulders, as this helps to minimise the transference and spread of nits. This could be in a ponytail, but the most effective way is if your child's hair is plaited.

If parents wish to support their child in colouring their hair it needs to be a natural hair colour, unless it is for a School Leadership agreed event eg: School Crazy Hair Day.

Jewellery

Unless jewellery has a cultural, family heirloom or religious meaning we ask that children do not wear them to school. This includes children not wearing necklaces, brooches, bracelets and anklets as these are often get lost, damaged or are caught on playground equipment or other people playing sports or other physical activities in the playground.

Children are allowed to wear earrings as long as they are worn in a pair, and are simple studs or sleepers. All dangling earrings are not to be worn for safety reason eg: PE lessons, catching on playground equipment etc

Children are allowed and are encouraged to wear watches to help them learn the time and self management skills.

Makeup, False nails and Nail Polish

Children are not to wear Makeup, false nails and nail polish to school. Children will be asked to remove it if worn.

Cellphones

Children are not to have cellphones at school without written permission from their parents clearly stating a valid reason for it being necessary ie: Safety, organising pick ups etc.

If a child has permission they need to leave their cell phone with their teacher or in the office throughout the day. This is particularly important as we can not easily supervise their use (or others) of this device, they can be used to distract children from learning, play unauthorised games and if left in their bag can be at a higher risk of being stolen. We ask that parent please support us in enforcing this rule.

Gumboots

We are aware that we are a community surrounded by farmland and during the winter months our children love to play in puddles. We do not want to stop this, however we want our children to also be wearing supportive shoes for the majority of the day.

If children want or need to bring gumboots to school, they also need to bring a pair of shoes that are suitable for running around in, participating in PE lessons and climbing on the playground safely.

As with the rest of our uniform gumboots need to be black or red.

NZ Uniforms Shop Information

The uniform shop is located at 3 Albert Street Masterton. 06 9298233	It's opening hours are Monday to Friday Saturday Sunday	 9.00am to 5.00pm 9.00am to 1.00pm Closed.

- All items purchased from NZ Uniforms have a guarantee of 12 months, so we urge parents to retain proof of purchase.
- Items showing faults -- including dropped hems or split seams -- within this timeframe, should be returned for replacement or repair.

- Items may be purchased from their store in Masterton or online via the New Zealand Uniform shop website.
  http://greytownschool.nzuniforms.com/catalog/school-uniform-1101390.htmx

Cost

We understand that buying uniforms can be a expensive, however we have done everything within our power to give you high quality and affordable choices from the NZ Uniform Shop in Masterton. If you choose to buy alternative items of the uniform from other shops, we need them to look the same as the NZ Uniform options, with no labels or logos eg: Canterbury pants are not allowed. Please refer to the information and pictures below for further information.

The benefit of buying from NZ Uniform is they will back their products and if they need to be returned for any reason they will not only replace them according to their return policy, but they will also work with our school to ensure any default patterns that may occur are quickly addressed.

If you require assistance with buying uniforms you can apply for grants from local agencies, WINZ, Trusts or clubs. Please see Linda Kirkland in the library or Carol in the office for further information and/or support in applying.

REGULATION UNIFORM ITEMS

Dress 	**Summer:** The dress can be worn with black sandals, or black ankle socks and black shoes. **Winter:** The dress can be worn with black over the knee socks, or footed wool or opaque tights. **Items not permitted:** No pantyhose. No footless tights or leggings.
Skort (Skirt/Shorts Combo) 	**Summer:** The skort can be worn with black sandals, or black ankle socks and shoes. **Winter:** The skort can be worn with black over the knee socks or black tights. **Items not permitted:** No pantyhose. No footless tights or leggings.
Shorts (Unisex)	**Summer:** The shorts can be worn with black sandals, or black ankle socks and shoes.

	Items <u>not</u> permitted: No shorts with logos or breathable fabric panels eg; Canterbury shorts.
Track Pants (Unisex) 	**All year round** There are two options now for black track pants. The first option is our current non-reinforced knee track pants and the new option has reinforced knees. This new design is particularly good for sporty or "outdoor rough and tumble" kids who tend to wear out or rip their pants in the knee area. **Juniors** We understand that for our juniors that the smallest size can still be too big if you purchase them from the Uniform shop. We are working with them to rectify this situation and will keep you up to date. Until that happens as long as the track pants looks like this image and has no logos we are happy. Many parents have chosen to go with black track pants that have the reinforced stitching at the bottom so the pants hold up instead of the "open" track pant leg design. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** Any track pants that does not look like this image. No fleece track pants eg: Hunting and Fishing pants etc. No sweatshirt fabric track pants. No jeans. No track pants with logos or breathable fabric panels eg; Canterbury pants.
Long Pants (Unisex) Long Pants can also come with reinforced knees. 	**All year round** There are two options now for black track pants. The first option is the non-reinforced knee long pants and the second new option has reinforced knees. This new design is particularly good for sporty or "outdoor rough and tumble" kids who tend to wear out or rip their pants in the knee area. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** No black pants with any labels or colour panels/stitching. No pants with rips and holes.
Polo Shirt with Collar:	**All year round**

Short or long sleeve 	We have worked with the uniform shop to change the type of fabric these tops are now made of. Our <u>new shirts</u> are made up a higher quality fabric, have a higher quality in colour and are reinforced with new stitching designs to avoid fraying and ripping. The <u>old shirts</u> (change in fabric but still great to wear are sold at the cheaper cost of $30 until stock runs out) **Winter:** The short sleeve polo shirts can be worn with plain black long sleeve top underneath to add an extra layer of warmth. **Items <u>not</u> permitted underneath:** Any coloured or patterned long sleeve or short sleeve top underneath.
Senior Kauri Year 7 and 8 Polo Shirt with Collar: Short or long sleeve 	**All year round** 2018 was the first year for this new Senior Shirt. **Winter:** The short sleeve polo shirts can be worn with plain black long sleeve top underneath to add an extra layer of warmth. **Items <u>not</u> permitted underneath:** Any coloured or patterned long sleeve or short sleeve top underneath.
Red Half-Zip Polar Fleece Items no longer available to purchase but can still be worn. ● Black Half-Zip Polar Fleece. ● Polar Fleece Zip Vests (Sleeveless)	**Red Polar Fleece -** As red is now the most popular colour and fades less over time we are now **Items no longer being manufactured:** ● *Black Half-Zip Polar Fleeces* These can still be worn, however once the last of the are sold we will no longer have this as a uniform item to buy due to fading and low sales. ● *Vests* We are unable to secure a cost effective manufacturer, so this item will not be re-ordered. Existing vests may be worn. **Optional items:** Children can wear additional jackets to keep them warm, however they need to wear their Polar Fleece underneath and remove their jackets in class time. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** Any other coloured polar fleeces, hoodies etc
Socks and Tights	**All year round** Children can wear plain black or white socks, however tights must be

	black. Some children wear sports socks, cotton anklets, knee high tights or full tights depending on their personal preference. **Winter or cold days** Children can wear full black tights. In addition to the dress option tights are often worn under the skorts or shorts. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** Any other coloured, patterned, lace trimmed socks etc No schools with logos.
Sandals 	Children must <u>wear their shoes</u> when arriving and leaving the school grounds each day. **Sunny and non-wet days:** All shoes must be <u>predominantly black</u>. We understand that buying black shoes is tricky and that the trims, soles and small patterned features may be a different colour. **Please consider:** At Greytown School we encourage our children to wear shoes that are as supportive for their feet as possible, especially as they are growing. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** Any shoes that are not predominantly black. No shoes with logos (these may be covered or coloured in by black vivid). No black jandals.
Black School Shoes 	**All year round:** All shoes must be <u>predominantly black</u>. We understand that buying black shoes is tricky and that the trims, soles and small patterned features may be a different colour. Children must <u>wear their shoes</u> when arriving to and leaving the school grounds each day. **Please consider:** At Greytown School we encourage our children to wear shoes that are as supportive for their feet as possible, especially as they are growing. We encourage parents to avoid cheaper options such as “kung fu” or crocs shoes which provide no support and can not handle the day to day wear and often cause injuries. **Items <u>not</u> permitted:** Any shoes that are not predominantly black. No shoes with logos (these may be covered or coloured in by black vivid).
Black Sneakers	**All year round:** All shoes must be <u>predominantly black</u>. We understand that buying

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Greytown School Beanie
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<td>Summer:
As you will be aware New Zealand has high rates of skin cancer. As a Sunsmart School children must wear hats or stay in the shaded area under the trees in the Bell Tower area.
As the weather heats up we will notify parents/caregivers of when children need to wear their hats.

If children do not have their hat on hot days they will be asked to stay inside with another class instead of attending PE or swimming.

Winter:
Red Greytown School beanies are <u>optional</u> and can be worn through the winter months outside.

Black Hats - can wear their approved hats.

Please consider:
Please take time to put on some sunscreen in the morning to provide them with a “base coat” of protection for the day. It is also beneficial if you can also provide your child with some sunscreen that they can apply throughout the day.

Children are not to share hats as this helps avoid unwanted nits being shared from head to head.

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