



The correct shoes...

an essential safety item

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It can be difficult fitting your child with the correct shoes, but it is essential for your child's safety and future growth. During the year most children spend more time in their school shoes than any other footwear. When you consider that a child can grow 17 full shoe sizes in the first 11 years of their life, you'll realise how vital it is for them to have the correct support.

At GCC, we have tried to make it easier for you to select the correct footwear for your child so that their growing feet are supported and at the same time ensure that the colour and style fits in with uniform guidelines and GCC philosophy.

The Uniform Brochure has details of the appropriate shoes, however, there are some things that need further clarification.

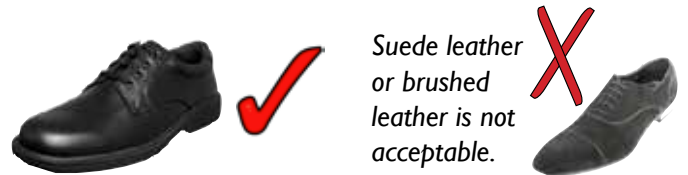
Primary Shoes:

- with formal uniform, shoes must be plain black leather or leather-look joggers (or Mary Jane style for girls).
- must be lace ups or securely fastened - no slip ons. Preps should be velcro.
- optionally, with sports uniform, Primary can wear the above mentioned joggers in any colour, from 2020.



Secondary Formal Shoes:

- must be lace-up.
- must be completely black leather/leather-look with minimum branding and stitching.
- must be polishable.
- from 2021, formal shoes must have a formal school shoe look that has an external heel distinct from the rest of the sole of the shoe.



Secondary Sport Shoes:

- must provide correct support for athletic pursuits including good heel support, cushioning and flexibility.
- protruding tongues show that shoes are joggers and not formal shoes.
- must not be boots or shoes that cover the ankle bone.
- must be lace ups or securely fastened - no slip ons.
- can be any colour (from January 2020).



Please note that in Years 7-12, joggers must not be worn with the formal uniform and may only be worn with the sports uniform. Sometimes the line is blurred between jogger and formal shoe so a simple explanation is that if it looks more like a sports shoe than a formal shoe, despite the fact that it is made of polishable black leather, then it is a jogger and should only be worn with the sports uniform. Below are some examples of unacceptable sports shoes to help clarify the situation.



Boots are not permitted as they are not sports shoes.



Skate shoes not permitted as they are not supportive.



Loafers not permitted as they are not securely fastened.



Converse not permitted as they cover the ankle bone and are not supportive.