



Oakfield Primary School

School Uniform Policy

2024 2025

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Introduction.

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by a working committee of governors including staff, parents and school council.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing body at Oakfield Primary school will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.

However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- red sweatshirt (with or without the oak tree logo on – hooded tops for Y5 and Y6)
- red jumper or cardigan (with or without the oak tree logo on)
- white or yellow shirt or polo shirt (black for Y5 and Y6)
- grey or black trousers – no jeans
- grey or black skirt
- grey pinafore
- where possible black, flat sensible, safe, shoes – no heels
- Y5 and 6 – hooded top option (red) along with black polo shirt option

Following the pandemic, the school has a more lenient approach to uniform as it understands the need for school clothing to be washed more regularly in line with WG guidance and advice.

Parents are encouraged to discuss any issues or concerns with members of staff. The school will continue to encourage pupils to wear PE to school on PE days in order to avoid 'changing' in school, thus easing various pressures on families.

Summer Options

- grey or black shorts
- gingham dresses – red
- Any cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit

- white or yellow T-Shirt or polo shirt
- plain black shorts or leggings
- trainers for outdoor games only
- plimsolls for indoor PE – this is for health and safety reasons

All the items above are readily available from the high street or can be ordered in the school office – if parents and carers find any difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above

Jewellery

- It is encouraged that pupils do not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

- Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

Make Up

- No make up or nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

Equipment

- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Headteacher. If they are brought into school they must be handed in at the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child ~ with the exception of inhalers or epi-pens, any other medication should be given in to the school office and a form completed to inform staff of dosage.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Any style or colour deemed inappropriate by the school will first result in a discussion with Headteacher who will attempt to find reconciliation, but whose word is final subject to appeal processes.

Long hair should be tied back during Physical Education lessons for safety

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Headteacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfES guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.
- The school will continue to support families in order to promote a 'uniform swap' system; this to prevent clothing waste and support families with financial concerns.
- The school engages with a third-party supplier of uniform (with logos) and equally supports families purchasing uniform from other sources where the correct colours can be found.
- The school understands that the cost of footwear can be significant and that pupils can grow out of items quickly. Although black footwear is preferred, the school will also accommodate 'trainers' or similar shoes.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the schools complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Oakfield Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Headteacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform/Appearance Policy. Staff will liaise with parents where breaches of the Uniform/Appearance Policy are 'persistent and defiant'; this including any health and safety concerns.

Signed (Chair of Governors): _____

Date: _____

Signed (Headteacher): _____

Date: _____

This document will be reviewed annually

Scheduled Date of Review: November 2025