



The Oaktree School

School Uniform Policy

Autumn 2020

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Introduction

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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website.

Aims and objectives

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.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exception is for Year 2 children to wear an analogue watch to aid them with learning to tell the time.

Hair

Long hair (past the shoulder) should be tied back
The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes, but is not limited to:

- tram lines cut into the hair
- hair of significant different lengths on the child's head.

Hair Accessories

Either plain hair-coloured bands e.g. black, brown etc. or plain hair bands in the school colours. Fashion accessories should be in the school colours and should be a reasonable size so as not to distract other children.
Coloured hair or hair extensions are not allowed.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We expect all children to come to school in safe, sensible footwear that they can put on and take off independently.

What is allowed:

- plain black shoes
- black leather or leather-looking shoes
- black patent shoes
- shoe fastenings that have Velcro or buckle.

What is not allowed:

- slip-on shoes
- platform soles or high heels
- boots (anything that covers the ankle)
- trainers are not school shoes, these are only for PE lessons
- shoes or trainers should not have flashing lights so as not to distract other children
- Laces are not recommended unless your child can tie these up independently.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of the Local Governing Committee (LGC)

The LGC supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the LGC's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The LGC ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The LGC ensure that the cost of the school uniform is monitored annually. The majority of the uniform can be purchased from any supplier. Parents with financial difficulties may receive support through Pupil Premium funding. Some branded school items may also be available to buy at our second-hand uniform sale.

Monitoring and review

The LGC monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;

Considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

Requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.