

Oaklands School & Children's Centre
Together Everybody Achieves More



Uniform policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. We place a great emphasis on school uniform as we believe that it assists in the promotion of higher standards and gives pupils a sense of belonging to the Oaklands TEAM. Our belief is that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school engenders a feeling of community and belonging.
- 1.2. The uniform is practical and smart identifies the children with the school and is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be) makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance is regarded as suitable, is good value for money and has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- 1.3. It is an interesting fact that children whose behaviour is inappropriate usually are not wearing the correct uniform.
- 1.4. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our parent handbook

2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1. This policy aims to:

Ambition	Ensure that all children are dressed smartly and appropriately for school.
Self-confidence	Allows children to all feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
Perseverance	Clarify the role of parents in their child's uniform.
Independence	Children understand the importance of dressing appropriately for a 'workplace'
Respect	Ensure that clothing is appropriate and suitable.
Enquiry	Explain why uniform is important at Oaklands school

3. Uniform

- 3.1. All children are expected to wear:
 - **RED** or **GREY** sweatshirts or cardigans.
 - **WHITE** or **RED** shirts/polo shirts
 - Grey or black trousers or skirts (*no leggings without wearing a skirt*)
 - Flat soled plain black shoes or plimsolls (*not trainers or boots*)
- 3.2. PE is a legal requirement and not optional. PE kit should be brought into school every day. It is best to bring it in at the start of term where it is kept in class and leave it until the end, when it can be taken home for washing.
- 3.3. For PE, all children are expected to wear:
 - Plain t-shirt in the TEAM colours (**BEECH, CEDAR, SYCAMORE, WILLOW**) or white.
 - Plain shorts in the TEAM colours or black.
 - Swimming kit (*all year long for Years 4 and 5*).

4. Footwear

- 4.1. Plain black shoes with flat heel. Boots are not appropriate footwear for school.
- 4.2. If it is a wet or cold day or a snowy day your child need to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.
- 4.3. Trainers may be brought into school to be changed into at break and lunch times at the parent's own discretion.

5. Jewellery

- 5.1. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school with the exception of a single pair of stud earrings.
- 5.2. The stud earrings can be any single colour (*not multicoloured*) or material but may be no larger than 5mm in diameter.

6. Make up and Cosmetics

- 6.1. Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform.
- 6.2. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

7. Lost Property

- 7.1. Children do misplace clothes easily and so all clothes must be marked clearly.
- 7.2. Any lost items are put in a lost property rail in the front office.
- 7.3. The school or midway council takes no responsibility for any lost or damaged items of clothing.

8. Hair

- 8.1. All hair which is past collar length must be tied securely back. This is crucial in all case to help reduce the risk of headlice or hair being pulled or caught.
- 8.2. Bows are acceptable as long as in the school colours (*Red, White, Black or Grey*) and no bigger than 150mm (*15cm*) In diameter.
- 8.3. No hair dye is permitted to be worn.

9. Upholding the policy

- 9.1. The school takes the wearing of the uniform seriously and insists that it is followed at all times. Therefore, we ask parents to ensure that this policy is supported. If at any point you have difficulty in providing a uniform for your child, contact the class teacher or member of the senior leadership team immediately. If the school has concerns about your child's uniform, they will contact you directly to discuss the issue.
- 9.2. According to the DfE, *'the head teacher can discipline your child for not wearing the school uniform. Your child can be suspended or expelled if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules.'*
- 9.3. Ensuring that children follow the uniform policy is all staff member's responsibility. If you see a child who is dressed inappropriately then they must speak to the child and inform their class teacher.
- 9.4. If a child is not in the correct uniform we operate a 'Three strikes' policy:
Day 1 Reminder to the child to correct their uniform.
Day 2 Reminder to the parent that their child is not in correct uniform.
Day 3 Consequences for failing to wear correct uniform such as missing play until this is resolved.

10. Help with the cost of buying uniforms

- 10.1. The school sells uniform through the school office. No profit is made from the sales of uniform.
- 10.2. The school operates a preowned uniform opportunity at a significantly reduced rate.
- 10.3. Talk to the head teacher if your child isn't wearing the uniform, including PE kit, because you can't afford it. We will be able to arrange support or time to buy the right clothes.
- 10.4. You can also get more information at www.gov.uk/help-school-clothing-costs.