



Uniform Policy

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Rationale

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement.

All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security and safeguarding.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Owston Park uniform they will abide by the rules of the school.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school. The school's Local Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

PLEASE NOTE

From September 2026, schools must limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer. We do not expect pupils to have branded items of uniform, these are not compulsory although they are still available for purchase at this time.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils may be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day from school stock.

Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction. There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform e.g. a medical exemption. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the school either in person or by email. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We strongly encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

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 equality, race relations and sex discrimination. Owston Park Primary Academy 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. Minor adjustments to the standard school uniform are accepted for religious reasons but these should be discussed the Headteacher in the first instance.

Our School Uniform

- Blue Jumper/Cardigan
- White or Pale Blue Shirt/Polo Shirt
- Black or Grey Trousers/Skirt/Shorts
- Black Shoes
- Summer Dress/Pinafore
- Waterproof jackets and warm fleeces for outdoor use

PE Kit

- Plain black or navy shorts/Jogging bottoms
- Plain white T-shirt
- Black pumps
- Plain black sports jacket (optional)
- Plain black trainers for outdoor PE sessions

Logos

There is no expectation to buy items of uniform that have the school logo on e.g. jumpers, PE wear. Plain items may be worn as an alternative as long as they conform to the guidance above. However, school uniform that does have the school logo on can be purchased from the school's uniform supplier (see details below).

Uniform with our school logo on can be ordered from Quicksteps, located in Asda Carcroft at the key cutting kiosk or at Quicksteps in Bentley.

VERY IMPORTANT:

We highly recommend putting your child's name in all of their school uniform and PE kit.

Children are NOT allowed to wear

- Flip Flops
- Any jewellery such as wristbands, bracelets, necklaces, rings etc. – please notify the class teacher if any jewellery needs to be worn for religious reasons.
- Any other clothing that is not school uniform
- Fingernail polish, false nails or make-up of any kind.
- No designs or words cut into hair or either permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Jewellery

Stud earrings are allowed to be worn for school, however they must be taken out for PE. If they can't be taken out then they must be covered whilst doing PE lessons.

Watches

Children may wear sensible watches in Key Stage 2.

Lost Property

We store all lost items temporarily for a term. Please contact the school office or the family support manager if you wish to look for anything. At the end of each term all un-named and unclaimed items will either be washed and put into the Pre-Loved uniform drawers or disposed of.

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Pre-loved uniform

Pre-loved uniform is available in the main school reception. We encourage any parents to donate any outgrown uniform in good condition that complies with school policy. We will launder and store it for others to use. All items in the pre-loved uniform unit are available for a small donation. Unlabelled uniform in lost property at the end of each term is also washed and donated.