



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

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.

Aims and objectives

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Oaklands uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. Wearing a uniform prevents children from coming into school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way.
- Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We 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 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.

The school and Governing Body take into consideration the cost of branded items by carrying out a uniform audit when reviewing the uniform policy.

Our school uniform is:

Dark grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts

White shirt (including polo shirts)

Purple sweatshirt/cardigan embroidered with the school logo

Tie for years 5 and 6 only (optional)

Black, low heel shoes or ankle boots

PE – plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt

We care, we learn, we succeed

Where to buy school uniform

Branded school jumpers/cardigans and ties can be purchased from South West Schoolwear, 10 Wine Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PW. Tel: 01935 478178.

We also have lots of pre-loved uniform which is available to purchase throughout the year during PTA events.

Please also see the notes below:

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons or tape stud earrings securely.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Extreme haircuts

- The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (**no shorter than a number 2**), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden.
- Pupils with long hair should also tie it back during sports/PE or swimming for safety reasons.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Footwear should be in sound condition and the appropriate size for the child's foot, black ankle boots may be worn.

Sandals may be worn in the summer but must have an ankle strap and must NOT be open toed (i.e.: no flip flop/crocs) type of footwear.

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 will, where possible, be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day.

We regularly hold a 'uniform stall' where unclaimed, unnamed uniform is displayed for parents to view (child can go to the lost property cupboard at any non-teaching time). For parents experiencing financial hardship we will, wherever possible, supply new or nearly new replacements for lost items.

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 or activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.