

St Oswald's Church of England Primary School Uniform

Policy

Our mission statement at St Oswald's is:

"Stand firm in the faith and do everything with love" 1 Corinthians 16:13

This is the quote from the bible that was chosen by our Worship Team, and can be seen around the school.

Our 'Fruits of the Vine' (our Code of Conduct for behaviour) has been drawn up with the children and has 5 main elements:

Be Polite

Be Kind

Be Respectful

Be Patient

Keep Self Control

Each of these values are firmly rooted in the teachings of Jesus, and the children understand what is expected of them.

All children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 are expected to wear school uniform.

Our uniform has been chosen so that it is reasonably inexpensive to purchase and easy to obtain, we are extremely mindful of the cost of uniforms. Parents can choose whether they want to purchase a uniform with the school badge on or a plain uniform. We have a uniform swap system so that parents are welcome to donate old uniform in good condition or access uniform if needed. This is located in the entrance area underneath the staircase and should be kept tidy. Donations of winter coats and Christmas jumpers are also welcome.

Intent

There are three main purposes to this policy.

- To establish school uniform expectations for pupils, parents/carers and staff.
- To promote togetherness and equality for the pupils.
- To ensure uniforms are affordable and accessible.

Implementation

Sweatshirts and cardigans with our school logo can be purchased from Whittaker's uniform suppliers in Blackburn. All other items can be purchased from most clothing retailers and major supermarkets.

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers/shorts in summer
- Red or white polo shirt with or without school logo
- Red gingham dresses may be worn in the summer

- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or red tights, white or grey socks (with skirts/dresses)
- Black school shoes (not trainers)

PE

There are minimal changes to school uniform for PE. Children do PE in their normal polo shirt and sweatshirt, but on PE days may come in black leggings or black jogging pants to aid movement in PE. Black shorts may be worn underneath if it is warm. Children will wear normal school shoes (not trainers) to school and change into black pumps, (not trainers) in school on the day.

Footwear

Pupils are required to wear sensible black shoes.

Pupils are not allowed to wear trainers to school, this is because this footwear is appropriate for some sports or leisure activities and is not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform.

Jewellery including PE Lessons

Jewellery is not permitted in school. Small studs may be worn in ears, but these must be removed on PE days and for swimming. A small watch may be worn, but smartwatches are not permitted, as these can also pose a safeguarding risk.

Hair Styles

Long hair must be tied back at all times to prevent the spread of head lice, and hairstyles must not be extreme (by this we mean no lines, ticks or dyed hair. Hair must be tied back with a plain black or red bobble with no further decoration (ie bows or decorative clips etc)

Impact

It is important that all pupils look smart and wear their uniform with pride when attending school, which shows that we all belong within our school family

Wearing a uniform;

- Reduces distractions: focus is therefore on learning
Makes us all equal: children all come to school looking the same way
- Gives an identity to be part of and proud of
- Looks smart and prepares our children for the world of work

Where there are specific difficulties with any aspect of school uniform, an appointment must be made with Mrs Travis, SENDCo, to discuss permitted adaptations to this policy.

This policy will be reviewed in September 2026