



OULTON C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

-Uniform Policy (v5)-

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Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should 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 in Appendix 1.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- 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, and good value for money, by most parents and carers
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

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

The exceptions to this rule are plain gold or silver ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these during PE and games otherwise they will not be able to take part, this in line with guidelines from the PE Association, our Health & Safety Policy and PE Policy.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children i.e. tramlines or shorter than grade 2. Natural hair colour only permitted.

4.2 Hair accessories need to be kept to a minimum and in keeping with the School colours. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied up at all times.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart

appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

6 The role of parents and carers

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

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of School. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head of School. The school will treat pupils with disabilities equally.

7 The role of governors

7.1 The governing body and Executive Head supports the Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Executive Head and Head of School any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;

- require the Head of School to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

8.2 This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Appendix 1

School uniform will consist of:

Girls

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress, grey sock or tights

Blue & white dress, white socks or tights (summer)

White blouse/polo shirt

Royal blue cardigan (preferably with the school badge available from SchoolsIn, Stone)

Black shoes (preferably not laces & polishable)

Boys

Grey trousers, grey socks

Grey trousers/shorts (summer)

White shirt/polo shirt

Royal blue jumper (preferably with the school badge available from SchoolsIn, Stone)

Black shoes (preferably not laces & polishable)

PE kit will consist of:

Blue round neck T-shirt (preferably with school badge available from SchoolsIn, Stone)

Black shorts

Trainers with supportive soles, not fashion trainers or plimsolls (preferably velcro)

Swimming costume or fitted swimming trunks (not baggy shorts) - Year 3 & 4 only

Blue/black tracksuit or equivalent for outdoor Autumn/Winter lessons