Uniform and Clothing Policy

Oxlow Bridge School

Partnership Learning

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Rationale

At our school, we recognise that children learn best when they feel comfortable, secure, and ready to participate in their learning. While we are proud of our school uniform and encourage its use, we understand that for some children and families, wearing a uniform may not be appropriate or beneficial.

Our priority is that all pupils attend school regularly, feel comfortable throughout the day, and are able to participate fully in all learning opportunities.

School Uniform

We offer an optional school uniform consisting of:

- Red school jumper, cardigan, or fleece
- Grey school T-shirt featuring the school logo

School uniform items can be purchased from:

www.schooluniformdirect.com

Whilst families are welcome to purchase and wear the school uniform, wearing uniform is not compulsory. Children may attend school in comfortable, practical clothing that is suitable for learning and the school environment.

Clothing Expectations

Whether or not a child wears school uniform, all clothing should be:

- Comfortable and appropriate for the weather
- Suitable for active learning and play
- Practical for the activities planned throughout the school day
- Safe and not restrictive to movement

We ask parents and carers to ensure that children wear clothing that they do not mind getting dirty, as many of our learning experiences involve sensory, creative, outdoor, and practical activities.

Spare Clothing

As part of our curriculum, children regularly engage in activities that can be messy, wet, or involve changing clothes.

All pupils are therefore expected to have a set of spare clothing in school, including:

- Underwear

- Trousers, leggings, or shorts
- Top or T-shirt
- Socks

Spare clothes should be clearly labelled with the child's name and checked regularly to ensure they remain suitable and fit correctly.

Hydrotherapy and Swimming Requirements

Children who access hydrotherapy or swimming sessions must bring the following items to school when required:

- Appropriate swimwear
- Towel
- Swim nappies (where needed)

Families requiring reuseable swim nappies can purchase them from:

www.incywincy.net

All items should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Equality and Inclusion

We are committed to ensuring that our approach to clothing and uniform is inclusive and supportive of the individual needs of our pupils and families. Where specific clothing adjustments are needed for medical, sensory, cultural, religious, or personal reasons, these will be respected and accommodated wherever possible.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it continues to support the wellbeing, comfort, inclusion, and educational needs of all pupils.