



Oare CofE Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Principles

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and setting the tone of a school or academy. It is our policy that all children should wear our academy's uniform when attending school or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal school hours. The staff and governors believe it gives the school an identity and encourages the children to take pride in both their appearance and their school.

Children are expected to wear school uniform unless there is a justified reason why they may not. If your child cannot temporarily wear school uniform, please send in a letter stating the reasons why.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- identifies the children within the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance, no matter what their financial background;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

The only items of clothing with an embroidered Oare School logo on which are compulsory to purchase are sweatshirts and P.E. t-shirts.

School Uniform Order Forms (for sweatshirts, polo shirts, P.E. t-shirts, book bags, zip fleeces and waterproof jackets with an embroidered Oare School logo and plain black P.E. shorts and navy tracksuits) are available from OHM Clothing, our uniform supplier:

<https://www.ohmclothing.co.uk/product-category/other-wilts/oare-primary/>

ALL children in Reception to Year 6 need:

Boys

- navy blue Oare school sweatshirt with school logo and/or navy blue Oare school zip fleece with school logo;
- light blue or white polo shirt (with or without school logo) or white shirt;
- grey or black school trousers or grey or black school shorts;
- socks must be worn and must be plain grey or black.

Girls

- navy blue Oare school sweatshirt with school logo or navy blue cardigan and/or navy blue Oare school zip fleece with school logo;
- light blue or white polo shirt (with or without school logo) or white blouse;
- grey or black knee length skirt (not 'fashion' skirts/stretch-style clinging to the leg) or grey or black pinafore dress or grey or black school trousers (plain material not leggings or 'fashion design'/clinging to the leg);
- during summer months girls may wear knee length blue gingham dresses or knee length grey or black 'tailored' shorts;
- tights and socks must be worn and must be plain white, navy blue or grey (no socks above the knee or leggings).



P.E. Kit

It is essential for safety reasons that children are properly equipped for P.E.

ALL children from Reception to Year 6 need:

- navy blue Oare school t-shirt with school logo;
- plain navy blue or black P.E. shorts;
- trainers – no flashing lights or 'fashion' trainers please

In colder months it is important that the children are dressed appropriately for out-door P.E lessons. They can wear navy tracksuit tops and bottoms (NO logos or brand names). Zip Hoodies with our logo on are available from our uniform supplier

[OHM clothing](#).

Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit on their allocated PE days.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 require Oare School reading folders with school logo available in blue.

Years 3 – 6 use rucksacks.

Optional Items for all pupils:

- navy blue Oare school zip fleece with school logo;
- navy blue Oare school waterproof jacket with school logo.
- navy blue Zoodie with school logo (to be worn for P.E. only).

Footwear

Plain black sensible school shoes with flat heel that are securely fitted around the foot.

We believe that boots, trainers, leisure shoes, plimsolls and open toed sandals are NOT appropriate footwear for school. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do NOT allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. However, if children come to school wearing studs or small religious objects, we cannot be responsible for accidents that occur as a result of wearing them. We ask that children either remove these objects during PE or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury. Watches are permitted but the school cannot take any responsibility for them, and they should be removed for P.E lessons

Other

- All children are requested to keep their hair tidy; this includes tying it back if it interferes with schoolwork. This is both for health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school;
- Hair **must** be tied up for P.E, science and cookery activities;
- Extreme hairstyles (including hair extensions, tramlines/patterns, shaved/part shaved heads – no less than number 2) or unnatural hair colouring of ANY colour (including bleaching, dip dyeing) are not permitted.
- Plain hair accessories should be worn without any attachment, in colours appropriate to the school uniform;



- Nail varnish, make up and temporary tattoos are NOT considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Principal has given permission.

**ALL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED
WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME:**

This is especially important as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A COAT IN SCHOOL WITH THEM EVERY DAY

The school has tried to keep the number of items with embroidered Oare School logos which need to be ordered, to a minimum. This means parents can take advantage of generally available school uniform from the major supermarkets and stores at a reasonable cost. As children spend a large part of their life at school, we hope parents will understand the need to give school clothing priority. However, if there is a genuine reason why the uniform is unaffordable, please speak to the Principal.

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniforms are available through the school's PTA. Playground sales are advertised through the school newsletter and the uniform stock is available at any time by request at the school office. All items are priced to be affordable. Donations (especially school logo sweatshirts and cardigans) are always welcome

The Role of Class Teachers and Support Staff:

To set a good example in terms of dress;

- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If children continually attend school wearing clothing which is deemed not to be uniform, they are to be referred to the Principal.

The Role of the Principal:

To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body;

- The Principal has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school;
- The Principal will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.

The Role of the Parents/Carers:

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our academy, to support our uniform policy. We ask them to:

- Ensure that they send their child/children to the school correctly dressed and ready for their daily learning;
- Ensure that their child/children come to school in correct uniform every day and that it is clean and in good repair;
- To ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

The Role of Governors:

The Local Governing Body supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is safe and practical.

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