



St Oswald's School Uniform Policy

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Signed *J. Jordan*

Chair of Governors

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children 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 our school prospectus, on the website.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

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Parents are asked to provide a simple uniform for their child as follows:

Winter: Royal blue sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
 Gold polo shirt
 Grey skirt / trousers
 Headscarf (black / royal blue with Velcro fastening - Year 5 & 6 only)
 Black shoes
 Black tights or white/black/grey socks

Summer: As above with shorts / short sleeves
 or -
 blue and white checked dress

P.E. / Sports: White plain t-shirt
 blue / black shorts
 black trainers
 Black / blue leggings or jogging bottoms (no logos) in colder weather
 School Jumper allowed in colder weather

Swimming

Girls: full one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis)

Boys: swimming trunks/shorts with gusset (no Bermuda-style shorts)

All children: swimming hat

Goggles are NOT permitted unless there is a medical reason which has been identified in a letter from parents to school.

School sweatshirts and polo shirts with embroidered logo are available from school. These are purchased directly from the manufacturer and passed onto parents at cost price. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labeled with your child's name.

We also request that children wear sensible low heeled, black shoes. If children come to school in boots

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(due to bad weather conditions), for reasons of safety we request that parents provide shoes / pumps for indoor use.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, Forest School and games to prevent them from causing injury.

Earrings are not permitted at all in school.

Nail varnish should not be worn by pupils at any time. If a pupil wears nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at home before returning to school the following day.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes "fashion" haircuts such as shaved patterns, coloured hair or mohicans. All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so to prevent the spread of headlice and for safety in PE lessons. Plain hair accessories, such as a bobble, headband or clip (black, brown, royal blue), may be worn but large hair accessories such as bows or hair extensions will not be permitted.

Coloured hair is not permitted unless as part of a fancy dress and must be washed out afterwards.

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. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow the wearing of boots or wellingtons in school. Staff will accommodate the need for boots in cold weather by allowing children to change from their shoes for outdoor time.

The role of parents

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

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The Headteacher will revisit and, where necessary, revise the uniform policy after three years.

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by: considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform; requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.