

OUGHTRINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Uniform Policy

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This Policy is available on the website, on the office network and in the staff room.		

Policy Audit

This quick audit will help all staff and Governors to assess whether the basics of this Policy are in place.

Writing and Reviewing the Uniform Policy

The Uniform Policy relates to other policies including;

- Admissions
- Anti-bullying
- EYFS
- Racial Equality, Cultural Diversity and Equal Opportunities •
Behaviour
- Safeguarding / Child Protection
- Inclusion
- Health and Safety

Our Uniform Policy has been written by the school, building on the DFE and LA Guidelines.

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Overview:

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours. The school considers personal appearance to be of the greatest importance as we believe that it helps to promote pupils' pride, self-esteem and contributes to a positive learning environment.

Objectives:

Our uniform 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 casual 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
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind

The full and correct school uniform is as follows:

- **Maroon sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo (branded with school logo)**
- **White polo shirt (in Year 6, a maroon school polo shirt is available)**
- **Grey trousers/shorts (not 'jean type'), knee length grey skirt/culottes or grey trousers (not 'jean type')**
- **Plain grey socks (no patterns), plain white/grey socks or grey tights (no patterns)**
- **Smart, plain black leather school shoes (no canvas shoes/boots, sports logos, sports brands or 'sports type' shoes)**

Summer Variations:

- **Suitable flat black sandals (not open-toed) or shoes**
- **Grey shorts, yellow checked dress or grey shorts**

PE Kit:

- **School PE T-shirt (maroon)**
- **Maroon Shorts**
- **Trainers or black pumps**
- **School hoody or school jumper/cardigan can be worn**
- **In the cooler months maroon/black/grey joggers or leggings can be worn**

On PE days, children can come to school in their PE kits

Branded school book bags and drawstring bags are an optional extra that can also be purchased for use in school

All pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times.

Items branded with the school logo can be purchased from our suppliers at Touchline

(<https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/shop-by-school/oughtrington-primary-school>)

or Warrington Schoolwear

(<https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/oughtrington-community-primary-school/>)

Alternatively, unbranded uniform items can be purchased widely and second hand uniform can also be purchased from school. We have a parent volunteer who organises the sale of second hand uniform. Details of secondhand uniform items available are on our school website and details of how to purchase this. Donations for second hand uniforms are always appreciated.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and items that have a religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these items or to cover them with a plaster during P.E. lessons.

Hair

This school does not permit children to have haircuts that are less than a number 2 or could serve as a distraction to other children and pupils. Pupils are not allowed to wear extreme hair fashions. These include dyed or streaked hair, extremely close shaved hair and styles such as Mohicans or images/lines cut into the hair or eyebrows. We expect all children to have a smart haircut and hair accessories that reflect our school objectives. Girls or boys who wear shoulder length or long hair must have it tied back. Boys and girls who have long hair must have it one length. Long hair must be tied back for P.E. lessons. Sensible and simple hair accessories are permitted but not, for example big flowers. Decisions regarding the suitability of haircuts lie at the discretion of the Head Teacher (and the Governing Body, if necessary).

Footwear

We believe that it is inappropriate 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 or any other footwear with sports branding logos or icons on them; these are appropriate for sports and leisure wear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Cosmetics

Make-up and nail varnish, gel nails or acrylic nails are not allowed.

School Bags

Due to the safety issues surrounding the storage of bags in school, it is necessary to restrict the size of children's school bags to no bigger than 38cm wide, 32cm in length and 7cm deep so that they can be stored in trays to prevent a tripping hazard. This is the size of a school book bag which can be purchased online from Touchline or Warrington Schoolwear. Sometimes further up the school children like to have a different bag; all we ask is that it's similar in size to our own book bags.

The Role of Parents

We ask for the co-operation of parents to ensure that pupils are suitably dressed and that their children's haircuts/hairstyles are in accordance with the Uniform Policy. This will ensure pupils are able to represent themselves and the school appropriately. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct school uniform, and that it is named, clean and in good repair.

If any parent wishes the school to make special allowances with regard to the Uniform Policy they should make representation to the Head Teacher. If the Head Teacher considers that there are serious reasons (e.g. religious objections, physical difficulties or disabilities) why parents want their children to wear clothes, hairstyles or jewellery 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the school.

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the Uniform Policy. In consultation with the Head Teacher, it considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. All decisions regarding the suitability of uniform, hairstyles etc. rest with the Head Teacher (and the Governing Body, if necessary).

Non-Adherence

At Oughtrington, we will implement the Uniform Policy with fairness, consistency and sensitivity. If children attend school wearing inappropriate items of clothing, they will be asked to remove the items where possible. If this is not possible, teachers will remind children of the appropriate school wear and request that the item(s) not to be worn to school again. Parents may subsequently be contacted and/or sanctions such as missing periods of break times may be implemented as appropriate to the child's age. If pupils are wearing inappropriate footwear without permission, they will be asked to change into their P.E. pumps for the remainder of the day. Letters may be sent to parents if non-adherence to the Uniform Policy occurs frequently.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.