# OUGHTRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **Uniform Policy**

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This Policy is available on the website, on the office network and on the school drives.

## **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.

## **Oughtrington Primary School Uniform Policy**

#### Overview:

Our children look extremely smart and enjoy wearing our uniform. 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 or cardigan with the school logo (branded with school logo)
- Maroon polo shirt (branded with school logo, or unbranded)
- Grey school trousers (not 'jean type'), shorts, skirt, or culottes
- Plain grey, white or black socks with no patterns or plain grey, white or black tights with no patterns
- Smart, plain black school shoes. No trainers, canvas or sport type shoe

### **Summer Variations:**

Grey shorts, yellow checked dress or pinafore

#### PE Kit:

- School PE T-shirt (maroon)
- Maroon school 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 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: <a href="https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/shop-by-school/oughtrington-primary-school">https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/shop-by-school/oughtrington-primary-school</a> and Warrington Schoolwear:

https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/oughtrington-community-primary-school

Unbranded uniform items can be purchased widely online and in shops. Secondhand uniform can also be obtained from school for a voluntary donation. This pre-loved uniform is available in the school office.

## **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. All children who wear shoulder length or long hair must have it tied back. Sensible and simple hair accessories are permitted. Decisions regarding the suitability of haircuts lie at the discretion of the Head Teacher (and the Governing Body, if necessary).

### **Footwear**

We believe that appropriate footwear is essential for all children. It is inappropriate for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school. Children are able to wear trainers on their PE days.

### **Cosmetics**

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

## **School Bags**

Due to restrictions on space, we ask you to either use a drawstring bag or bookbag available from Touchline or Warrington Schoolwear. These bags fit neatly into children's trays and the cloakroom area. If 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 PE kit, 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 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 local Governing Body

The Local 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 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. 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 Local Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.