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1 Introduction

At Oakdene, it is our policy that all children should wear School Uniform or PE Kit when attending school, and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We aim to ensure that parents can afford all items required whilst retaining a sense of belonging to our Oakdene community.

2 Aims and objectives

Our 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 fashion 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.

3 Uniform

School Uniform is typically worn 3/4 days a week leaving PE Kit to be worn on timetabled PE days. There is a Winter Uniform and a Summer Uniform: Winter Uniform must be worn from Autumn half-term through to the end of the Spring term, whilst Summer Uniform must be worn during the summer term. A choice of either uniform can be worn at the start of the academic year, from September through to the first half-term holiday.

The only uniform items that are specific to Oakdene and compulsory, are a jumper/cardigan with the embroidered school badge plus the school tie. All other uniform items are available generically from a wide range of retailers.

4 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. This includes all earrings. We therefore ask that if ears are to be pierced, this should be carried out at the beginning of the Summer Holidays and earrings can be removed before the children come back into School in September. If earrings are still required for a short time, they must be covered by sticking plasters BEFORE the child comes to School and they will not be allowed to undertake PE / Games or go out to play. Staff are unable to touch earrings. Spacers can be worn as an alternative during the healing process, and provided parents sign a declaration accepting the risks associated with them, children can then join in with PE and playtime.

Watches are permitted, but any that have phone or internet capability must have such features disabled whilst in school. During tests, these devices must be removed. Any that prove to be misused or a distraction in class, will be held in the school office for the rest of the day.

5 Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes no 'razor cuts' or extreme hair colour.

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Long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied back at all times with a dark coloured, plain bobble and if necessary, children can wear a thin navy hairband or slide (this can be blue and white checked in summer to match Summer Uniform).

6 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear the types of footwear described in the uniform list.

7 The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to Oakdene Primary 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. Parents should 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. Oakdene Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes 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 headteacher.

8 The role of governors

The Governing Body of Oakdene supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

9 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

Uniform CANNOT be purchased at school. You will need to purchase from a uniform shop.

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Winter Uniform	
<i>can be worn from September to October half-term and must be worn from then until the spring holidays</i>	Pale blue blouse / shirt School tie (Elasticated for Infants; Clip on for Juniors) Navy Jumper or Cardigan with School badge Navy pinafore / skirt Grey Trousers White, navy, black or grey plain socks/tights Black shoes (No trainers allowed)
Summer Uniform	
<i>can be worn from September to October half-term and must be worn from spring holidays through to the summer holidays</i>	Pale blue and white checked dress OR playsuit. Pale blue 'Polo' shirt with soft collar plus grey trousers / shorts Navy Jumper or Cardigan with School logo White, navy, black or grey plain socks/tights Black shoes (No trainers allowed)
PE Kit	
<i>To be worn on PE days</i>	Plain navy jog suit with an 'over-the-head' top/hoody/zip hoody. Navy shorts House coloured t-shirt (Ask school which colour if unsure of house colour) Black pumps. Plain black or navy trainers
Outerwear and accessories	
	BE BRIGHT BE SEEN - any coloured coat - brighter the better Book bag with school logo. Navy blue beanie hat in the winter (optional) Navy blue baseball cap in the summer (optional)

At Oakdene, **a cardigan or jumper with the embroidered School logo is compulsory as well as the school tie.** Due to limited space in cloakrooms, any other book bag you provide should not exceed the dimensions: 37cm wide x 27cm tall x 6cm deep.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Uniform suppliers who stock our uniform are:

Top class uniform - Rainhill Village - Website to follow

**Touchline uniform - Liverpool Rd, Warrington WA5 1AE
<https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/>**

**Top form uniform - Prescot Business Park, Sinclair Way, Prescot L34 1PB
<https://www.schooluniformknowsley.co.uk/>**

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