



OAKDENE
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2026-2028

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School Uniform Policy 2026

Introduction

At Oakdene Primary Academy, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform or PE kit when attending school, and when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

We believe that a clear and fair uniform policy supports a powerful sense of identity, belonging and pride within our school community. We are also committed to ensuring that our uniform is affordable, inclusive and practical for all families.

Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Encourages a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical, smart and suitable for learning
- Helps identify children as members of the school
- Reduces distractions in the classroom
- Supports equality among pupils
- Represents good value for money for families
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Uniform

School Uniform is typically worn 3/4 days a week leaving PE Kit to be worn on timetabled PE days. There are two uniform options, 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 must feature the Academy Logo, are a jumper/cardigan with the embroidered school badge, the school PE top and the school tie. All other uniform items are available from a wide range of retailers.

School Colours

Our school uniform colours are:

- Navy blue
- Pale blue
- Grey
- Black

Jewellery

In the interests of health and safety:

- Jewellery is not permitted in school, including earrings
- False, gel or acrylic nails are not allowed

If ears are pierced, we recommend this is done at the start of the summer holidays to allow time for healing.

Where earrings cannot yet be removed:

- They must be covered with plasters before coming to school
- Children will not be able to take part in PE or active play
- Staff are unable to remove or manage earrings

Spacers may be worn during the healing process where parents have signed a declaration to accept associated risks.

Watches are allowed; however, watches with phone or internet capability are not permitted.

Hair

Hair should be neat and appropriate for school.

- Extreme hairstyles or colours are not permitted
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back
- Hair accessories should be plain and in school colours
(Blue and white accessories may be worn with summer uniform)

Footwear

Children should wear sensible, safe footwear suitable for school.

- Shoes with platform soles or high heels are not permitted
- All footwear should be practical and support safe movement around school

Affordability and Value for Money

Oakdene Primary Academy is committed to ensuring that school uniforms are affordable and accessible to all families.

In line with Department for Education guidance, we:

- Keep the number of branded items to a minimum
- Allow most items to be purchased from a range of retailers
- Support access to second-hand/pre-loved uniform where possible
- Provide support for families experiencing financial difficulty

Parents are encouraged to contact the school confidently if support is needed.

Equality, Inclusion and Flexibility

This policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We are committed to ensuring that our uniform is inclusive and respectful of:

- Religious beliefs and cultural practices
- Medical or sensory needs
- Gender identity and expression

All pupils may choose from the available uniform options regardless of gender.

Reasonable adjustments will always be considered on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to discuss any requirements with the Headteacher.

Weather and Seasonal Adaptations

Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather:

- Coats should be worn during cold or wet weather
- Sun hats and sunscreen are encouraged in warmer weather

In extreme weather conditions, the school will make sensible adaptations to uniform expectations

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy by ensuring that children:

- Attend school wearing the correct uniform
- Are dressed appropriately for the weather
- Have clothing that is clean, safe and in good repair

If families experience difficulties in meeting expectations, we encourage open communication so that we can offer support.

Managing non-compliance

We understand that there may occasionally be difficulties with uniforms.

Our approach is supportive and respectful:

- Staff will speak sensitively with pupils and parents
- Families will be supported to access appropriate uniforms
- No child will be excluded from learning due to uniform issues

Suppliers

The school ensures that:

- Branded items are available at reasonable cost
- Value for money is prioritised
- Where possible, parents have a choice of supplier

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing this policy.

Governors will:

Ensure the policy complies with national guidance and the Equality Act 2010

Consider representations from parents

Monitor the fair and consistent application of the policy

Ensure the policy promotes safety, practicality and affordability

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 principal any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the principal to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

Uniform

School Uniform is as follows:

Item	Optional or required	Branding	How to Acquire	Costs per item,
Navy knitted cardigan	Required	Logo required on Left-hand side	Available from school supplier	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
Navy V-neck knitted jumper	Required	Logo required on left-hand side	Available from school supplier	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
School tie – elasticated or clipped	Required	Tie required Elasticated or clipped. Preference is elasticated.	Available from school supplier or school office	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
School skirt or pinafore Pinafore is BEST for children in EYFS	Required	No branding Must be Navy blue	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
School trousers	Required	No branding Must be Grey or Navy blue	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
Sensible plain black shoes	Required	No branding	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
School socks – grey, white black or navy blue	Required	No branding	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
Tights – navy	Required	No branding	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA

Sports Kit				
Item	Optional or required	Branding	How to Acquire	Costs per item,
PE Sports top	Required	Logo required on left-hand side	Available from school supplier	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
Plan Navy Shorts	Required	No branding Must be Navy Logo permitted	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
Plain Navy Skort	Required	No branding Must be Navy Logo permitted	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
School Sports trackpants	Optional	No branding Must be Navy Can feature school logo	Available from school supplier	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
School Sports Hoodie / ¼ Zip	Optional	No branding Must be Navy Can feature school logo	Available from school supplier	Prices range, depending on size, at our local suppliers
Plain Navy Joggers	Required	No branding Must be Navy	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
Trainers	Required	No branding Must be Navy or Black	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA
Other items				
School Book Bag	Required Logo permitted	No branding Must be Navy Can feature school logo	Available from school supplier	NA
School coat	Required Logo permitted	Coat of any colour suitable for season worn – any coloured	Can purchase school coat with the logo but this is optional	NA

		coat – Be Bright, Be Seen!		
Pale blue & white checked dress / pinafore / playsuit	Optional for summer months – May – October	No branding Must be pale blue and white	Available from school supplier or supermarkets/ the Highstreet	NA

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 Navy V-necked Jumper or Cardigan with School badge Navy Pinafore / skirt Grey Trousers / Navy trousers White, navy, black or grey plain socks Navy 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 / playsuit. Pale blue 'Polo' shirt with soft collar plus grey trousers / shorts Navy V-necked Jumper or Cardigan with School logo White, navy, black or grey plain socks/ tights Black shoes (No trainers allowed)

At Oakdene, **a cardigan or jumper with the embroidered School logo is compulsory as well as the school tie and sports top.** 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 AND YEAR GROUP

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



Sports style hoody. This item is an **optional extra** for Sports kit and **not** a compulsory items.



Sports style t-shirt with school logo. This is a **compulsory item**.

Logo jumper. Is a **compulsory item**.

Navy skort or shorts. **Compulsory item**.



Logo cardigan. **Compulsory** item.



Sports style quarter zip and hoody. These are both optional extras for Sports kit and **not compulsory** items.