

St. Oswald's Church of England Primary School Uniform Policy



RESPECT. RESILIENCE. KINDNESS

Vision

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As God taught us;

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life; (Proverbs 22:6)


Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

Life in all its fullness; (John 10:10)

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Head Teacher shall have oversight of this policy and ensure all staff follow procedures and that these are carried out.

The effectiveness of this policy shall be monitored during Governor's meetings.

Date approved	Next Review Date	Signed by
September 2024	September 2025	

Uniform Policy

Purpose

This policy is driven by our school vision and reflects the school's values and philosophy regarding School Uniform and lays down clear guidelines for parents, staff and pupils.

Audience

The document is intended for all staff, school governors, LA inspectors/advisers, parents, pupils and inspection teams. Copies are available on the school website and on the staff shared drive in school.

Rationale

At St. Oswald's we expect pupils to wear our school uniform, we believe our uniform adds to the ethos of the school assisting with good behaviour and fostering a strong feeling of belonging amongst the children, recognising that we are all part of the St. Oswald's school community. As a Church of England Primary school, we hold our Christian Value of "Community" at the centre of our ethos.

School uniform is worn by all the pupils and is welcomed by the majority of our parents. As a UNICEF Rights Respecting school, we believe:

This policy links to Articles 3 & 29:

Article 15: (Freedom of Association)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and join groups and organisations ...

Article 29: (Goals of Education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Our **school colours** are red and grey.

School uniform consists of the following and can be obtained from the school office:

Nursery

Red jogging suit for girls and boys. Pupils have pumps in the Nursery which they change into on arrival and change out of on departure. Earrings are not allowed to be worn in the Nursery or in any other year group.

Main School (Reception class to Year 6)

Boys- Black or grey trousers, Oxford grey school sweatshirt, red school polo shirt. Black school shoes (**no trainers.**)

Girls- Grey skirt, pinafore, culottes, or trousers. Oxford grey school sweatshirt/cardigan with red school polo shirt. Flat black shoes with white/grey socks or tights. Girls should have long hair tied up with red ribbons or other **sensible** decorations. (**no trainers.**)

A red school fleece or waterproof coat are also available.

Earrings are not allowed under any circumstances in any year group.

Optional Summer Wear

Boys – grey shorts

Girls - red gingham dress, ankle socks, full, flat sandals

Indoor Physical Education

All pupils – Red school tee shirt, black shorts, black pumps (**not** trainers.)

Outdoor Physical Education

All pupils – Pupils may wear a jogging suit and trainers for outside PE lessons, an indoor kit should also remain in school.

Swimming

Boys – Trunks not **shorts**. Pupils who bring shorts will be loaned school trunks or will not be permitted to take part in the swimming lesson.

Girls – Full swimsuits. Pupils who bring bikinis will be loaned a school swimsuit or will not be permitted to swim.

All pupils **must** wear a swimming hat for reasons of health and safety.

All pupils **must** bring a coat to school on swimming lesson days, pupils may not be permitted to swim if they arrive without a coat.

Hairstyles

St Oswald's CE Primary School does not permit extreme fashion hairstyles such as tramlines, decorative shavings, Mohicans or beaded hair. Extreme use of colour is also not allowed in school. Long hair should ALWAYS be tied back for health and safety reasons.

MUFTI / None Uniform Days

On days where children are required to attend school, but uniform is not required to be worn, earrings and jewellery should not be worn and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Equal Opportunities

The school is committed to equality of opportunity regardless of social background. In order to enable all pupils to access school uniform the school will provide uniform for pupils whose families may have difficulties in purchasing a uniform.

Parents having difficulties should approach Mrs McNally (Parent Support Advisor), Mrs Erskine (Bursar), or Mrs Cullen (SENCO).

Communication with parents

Parents are informed of the uniform requirements on registration at the school. The newsletter is used to remind parents regularly about uniform requirements. Phone calls will be made or letters sent home to remind parents when individual pupils have digressed from the required uniform.