

Oxenhope C of E Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (July 2016)

School colours: Red, white, black/grey

It is our school policy that all children wear the school uniform as stated within this policy, when attending or participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for the school uniform in this policy and in the school prospectus.

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is smart and practical
- Identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Items of school uniform i.e. polo shirts, t-shirts, waterproof jackets, sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces can be ordered via the school office or online (please ask the office for the online address of our current supplier). Equivalent clothing items (without the school logo) can be purchased via a number of different retailers. General items, such as trousers, skirts, pinafores, shirts etc. are available from a large number of retailers also.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small, plain earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask that these are worn discretely and that these are either removed during PE or covered with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Watches are permitted in school but are worn at the pupil's own risk.

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels or sandals, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We ask that all children wear shoes as stated in the uniform list and that these are black in colour and plain in appearance.

In order to avoid confusion and to keep lost property to a minimum, all items of clothing, PE kit, bags, lunchboxes etc. **MUST** be clearly named before being brought to school.

Please supply a named drawstring bag in which to keep the PE kit in (Years 1-6) or to keep your child's change of clothes in (Reception).

Children may also bring a small book bag (logoed bags are available from the school office) for homework, books etc.

We ask all parents who send their children to our 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. If children come to school dressed incorrectly they will be asked to either remove the items (these will be returned to the child/parent at the end of the day) or change into correct uniform supplied by the school which must then be returned by the parent.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views from parents and carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy

- Considering, with the SLT, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the SLT to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented

School Uniform List

General Uniform

Red sweatshirts, fleeces, cardigans, white or red polo shirts with the Oxenhope School logo.

A plain white shirt, plain red sweatshirts, cardigans or V-neck jumper and plain white or red polo shirts are acceptable alternatives.

Skirts (Knee length), culottes, trousers (NOT LEGGINGS, JOGGERS OR JEANS) pinafores or shorts (Knee length), need to be black, charcoal or grey.

Red school dresses may be worn with checks or stripes.

Sensible, black shoes (NOT TRAINERS OR FOOTBALL SHOES)

White, black, or grey socks or tights.

Hair bobbles and hair bands must be red, black, white or grey and simple in design. We do not allow glittery or over embellished hair decorations.

Coats must be brought to school all year round.

PE Uniform (Years 1-6)

All children are required to change for PE or games, children will be asked to wear school property PE/Swimming kit if they do not bring their own and this will need washing and returning to school by parents.

Indoor PE:

Plain black shorts or skorts and a plain white T-shirt and black pumps

Outdoor PE:

Plain black shorts or skorts and a plain white T-shirt and trainers (Summer)

Black tracksuit or leggings and a plain sweatshirt and trainers (Winter)

School PE bags (optional) can be purchased

Swimming (Year 5):

Knee length swimming shorts or swimming costume. Children may wear swimming hats to keep hair dry. No jewellery. Children should bring their swimming kit in a separate bag. Children will be informed in advanced of appropriate swimwear when this is necessary.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM, BAGS AND LUNCHBOXES ARE CLEARLY NAMED. IF THESE ARE NOT CLEARLY NAMED THEN WE CANNOT GUARENTEE IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD. At the end of every half term lost property will be displayed in the hall or playground for parents, carers and children to view. Any un-name, un-claimed property will either be used in school as spares or sent to charity.

A. Jones (July 2016)

