



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

It is our school policy that all children wear the correct school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.



School uniform :

- is practical and smart, suitable and hard-wearing clothing for school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- identifies the children with the school and creates a sense of community and belonging
- establishes high expectations and promotes pride
- is considered good value for money by most parents and complies with the latest guidance in law (2021):
(See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-law-to-make-school-uniform-costs-affordable-for-all>)

Parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for the full range of daily schoolwork in line with our home-school agreement. All children are expected to wear the correct uniform, clean and in good repair. We accommodate dress from all backgrounds, cultures and faith communities represented at Oak Green, within our flexible uniform expectation. If there are serious reasons for parents to request that their child needs to wear age-appropriate clothes that differ much from the school uniform, due to e.g. faith requirements or a special need, then this can be presented in writing and will be taken into consideration.

The governing body agrees, monitors and reviews the school uniform policy with school leaders to ensure that:

- availability is good, costs are reasonable, quality is good, support provided where identified as needed,
- children present themselves smartly in line with expectations and feel pride in being identified as members of Oak Green School and that views of parents are considered
- with school leaders, requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform are considered
- The Co-Headteachers report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Costs

We try very hard to limit required school-branded wear to **only** the sweatshirt or cardigan being necessary to be worn (whilst also offering further choice to those that want further branded items) in order to avoid uniform contributing to financial hardship, and we offer only hard-wearing, long-lasting and readily-available options, with best value for money being prioritised in the procurement of the supplier..

We aim to support those for whom some uniform costs might be challenging, through provision of good quality pre-loved clothing and some use of our Pupil Premium funding for those eligible.

In order to reduce likelihood of loss of everyday uniform and expensive items like coats, bags, footwear, we ask that:

- **ALL** items of clothing, PE kit, bags etc. **MUST be clearly named**, with a suitable pen or label and checked from time-to-time that the name is still visible. (Older children can do this themselves.)
- Parents must not feel any need to buy very expensive clothing; our children look very smart in clothing that is not costly, but is of hard-wearing quality.

What to Wear at Oak Green School

Please note that in September 2024 the school began its transition from white PE tops to black PE tops and for that academic year (2024-2025) pupils could wear either. However from September 2025 all PE tops should be black (with or without the school logo).

Support is available to children eligible for Pupil Premium with all aspects of school uniform. Care is taken to keep costs affordable and we welcome good, lightly used, pre-loved uniform to share with others at no cost when outgrown by your child.

(Any donations to the office please for our 'Family Hub'.) On occasion, if un-named lost property gathers, we will sell this at low cost also, with funds returning to support hardship provision of uniform.

Children wear their PE kit to school on PE day(s) - you will be informed of your child's PE day(s) via a newsletter at the start of term.

Pre-school

Plain Green Oak Green School sweatshirt or cardigan

Black jogging/tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Reception to Year 6

Green OGS-logo sweatshirt or cardigan

White shirt/ blouse/polo-shirt

Grey pinafore dress/ tunic

Grey skirt/ culottes

Grey trousers

Plain, grey or white socks and tights

(Dark) Green OGS fleece (outside wear)

Modest wear

Shalwar kameez – ONLY in the agreed correct green fabric – available from A&M Fabrics, 1-5 High Street, Aylesbury, who supply our cloth for home-sewing this part of our uniform.

White leggings or grey trousers can be worn under a skirt

Long-sleeved white t-shirt can be worn under (summer) dresses

Plain, white, black or school-green Hijab (optional) can be worn

Optional summer additions to the uniform

Grey knee-length shorts

Green and white check ('gingham') dress/ skirt/ culottes

White trousers under dresses/tunic are optional for religious requirements

PE Kit - correct PE kit **MUST** be worn

Oak Green (logo) or plain, black t-shirt (short or fitted long-sleeved)

Black shorts or leggings

Black OGS-logo 'hoodie' (or a plain black hoodie - no logo-ed clothing.)

Black jogging/ tracksuit bottoms

[Green OGS fleece or OGS sweatshirt or cardigan can also be worn as outside wear in colder weather]



Swimming – one-piece swimming costumes, (swimming) leggings, or modest swimsuits (legs and arms covered), swimming trunks or (swim - netted) fitted shorts (no 'Bermudas') swimming hats may be bought from the pool and are expected to be worn.

PE Footwear - Pumps/plimsolls or trainers (bare feet in the hall and on PE equipment).

Removal of all accessories is required during PE and games, or these covered, to prevent injury.

General Footwear

Black school shoes (or all black trainers) only.

NO heels. NO trainers. NO studded boots indoors. NO toeless or strappy sandals or flip-flops.

Wellies and boots can be worn TO/FROM school and then changed into school shoes for the time in school.

Accessories, jewellery and make-up

Hair is to be safe, smart and appropriate for school.

Long hair is to be tied back with green, white or black, plain hair-bands with only small bows, or 'scrunchies' worn.

An inexpensive watch may be worn. However no other jewellery is permitted. Small stud earrings only, may be worn in pierced ears - no hoops - and these must be removed or covered by the child with surgical tape for PE - you will be asked to complete a google doc to state that you take responsibility for this.

Faith items, e.g. Sikh kara may be worn and then tucked safely inside clothing. These may be required to be removed for PE/ sport and kept safely by an adult for this lesson.

No make-up or nail varnish is appropriate.

Bags and Coats/ Jackets

We do not specify any colour or model of coat, only asking that all clothing is suitable for the weather and named, and long-lasting and realistically priced. We advise against expensive brands or use only for school.

This applies also to all bags for school use. We aim to provide book bags for use for printed items and homework early in joining OGS and expect that this lasts throughout a child's time at the school.

These are often large, very expensive for parents, are not filled and take up unnecessary space on coat pegs. As a fashion item and with decorations/ charms sometimes also, there is danger of loss.

Non-uniform Days

These are held on occasion for celebrations, fund-raising or special occasions and may be themed, e.g. for a curriculum event. There is often a small donation required. Expectations are that clothing on these days is appropriate, safe, suitable for the weather conditions and to wear all day. The same applies to footwear – sports shoes may be worn on these days.

Emergencies

We keep a small selection of uniform to lend in case of accidents or unexpected spoiling or soiling of school clothes; this can be lent to a child at short notice and is to be returned, clean, by the following Monday.

School-provided wear

To protect children's clothing, for use in school, we keep stocks of:

- rain-wear (tops and bottoms) for outdoor learning and Forest Schools
- aprons for Design and Technology (DT) - food technology/ cookery
- aprons/tabards for Art and Design
- Early Years outdoor learning

We aim to protect children's clothing and reduce likelihood of this and of loss, but sometimes unforeseen damage occurs. This risk is to be understood by parents. Oak Green School does not replace lost items and emphasises the importance of naming ALL clothing, especially e.g. during swimming, sports clubs/ matches etc.

If non-accidental damage is proved to have taken place, replacement of the item may be considered or requested of parents of child/ren involved.

**We are very proud of the smart appearance of our children at Oak Green School
and are keen that all children are proud to wear their school uniform.**

Thank you for supporting this.