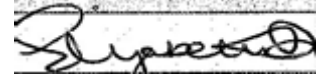


Uniform Policy

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The Orchards Primary Academy Uniform Policy- guide for parents

This policy is intended to be read by parents of children at The Orchards Primary Academy. Uniform is compulsory at The Orchards Primary School. We believe that wearing uniform promotes a sense of belonging and unity. Parents have expressed support for a whole school uniform policy and agree with the school that wearing the uniform helps to maintain our calm school approach.

Dress code

- School jumper with school badge
- Tie
- Grey/black trousers or skirt.
- Grey/black pinafore dress.
- White or blue shirt or blouse.
- Polo shirt
- Dark or white socks
- Grey or dark plain tights, no patterns.
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan preferably with school logo (not permitted from Sept 2015).
- Black shoes. (Any boots are not permitted in school). Shoes with excessive heels are also not permitted. Open toed or backless shoes are not permitted.
- Headwear for religious observance. Headscarves covering the face will not be permitted and should only be shoulder length. All headwear should be dark coloured or white.

Summer uniform variations

- Blue/white summer dress.
- Grey shorts.

PE

- Grey/Blue/Black Shorts and White T-shirt.
- Black pumps.
- One piece swimming costume (girls KS2).
- Swimming trunks – Not long legged shorts (boys KS2).
- Tracksuit, trainers for outdoor PE in winter. Children cannot wear the same trainers worn every day for PE.
- No items should display any football emblem or badge.

Please ensure all items of clothing have the child's name inside it as school cannot take responsibility for any lost item. Children need a medical note to not take part in the P.E. lesson. Please seek guidance from school if unsure.

Jewellery

A small pair of stud earrings and a watch (for those children who can tell the time) are the only acceptable items of jewellery. Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain are acceptable if worn under clothing. All items of jewellery should be removed or covered with a plaster for PE. Children must be able to remove jewellery independently, or they will not be permitted to wear it.

Hair

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons. Any hairstyle that could be seen as "extremes of fashion" (Mohicans, coloured extensions and patterned hair etc.) will not be permitted.

Makeup

Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Any child found wearing makeup, will be asked to remove it immediately.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher. Exceptions can be made on individual request on acceptable grounds, e.g. religious observance or children with disabilities.

Compliance with Uniform Policy

The policy is an expectation on the children and parents of The Orchards Primary Academy. All children following the school uniform policy will be rewarded as part of their class. The following actions will occur if the policy is not followed.

Step 1

- Children wearing trainers to school are not allowed on the playground
- For other issues, children will be given a verbal reminder for compliance by the next day. If compliance isn't met for the next day, the children will not be allowed onto the school playground during Breaktime or Dinnertime unless an acceptable reason is given, in letter, by the parents/guardians.

Step 2

- On the third day, Children will be given a reminder letter. Again, exclusion from the playground will continue.

Step 3

- Parents/guardians will be invited into school to discuss the issue of non-compliance. If reasons are not accepted, and/or a timescale agreed for compliance, the child may not be allowed in school until compliance is met. Any absence through non-compliance with the school uniform policy will be classed as unauthorised absence as the children/parents are choosing not to follow school rules.

Appeals against any decisions can be made to the Local Governing Board through the School Office or website.