



Otterburn Primary School and Nursery

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of all the items needed for the children's school uniform in this policy.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school,
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging,
- is practical and smart,
- identifies the children with the school,
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be),
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance,
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents,
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

As part of our ethos, we would like all children to always wear the correct uniform. This includes to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms.

It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger children can manage their own clothes and shoes. This should be considered when purchasing school uniform.

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's name. The school cannot accept responsibility for items that are not clearly named.

Affordability of Uniform

The school is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and does not act as a barrier to attendance. The number of compulsory branded items will be kept to a minimum. Parents will be informed of approved suppliers and any opportunities to access second-hand uniform. Families are encouraged to make use of good-quality second-hand uniform where possible to support affordability and sustainability.

Footwear

We believe that it is both practical and safer for children to wear flat, sensible shoes that are suitable for active play and movement throughout the school day. Platform-soled shoes and high heels are not suitable for school. Shoes must be changed for P.E.

Jewellery, hair and make up

Children are expected to leave jewellery, make up and fashion hairstyles for the weekends and holiday times. If earrings are worn, they must be small plain stud earrings in gold or silver. Apart from this, the only jewellery permitted in school on health and safety grounds is a wristwatch and a medical bracelet. Watches should be removed and medical bracelets covered with a sweatband to take part in P.E. Pupils who wear earrings must be able to remove them independently for PE and swimming lessons. Staff will not remove earrings on behalf of pupils. It is preferable to leave earrings out on P.E. and swimming days.

Role of Parents and Governors

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 school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities and is committed to ensuring that its uniform requirements are inclusive and comply with the Equality Act 2010. Reasonable adjustments will be considered for pupils with disabilities, medical needs, religious beliefs, cultural requirements or other protected characteristics. Parents are encouraged to discuss any concerns with the Headteacher so that appropriate arrangements can be considered.

Governors support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Uniform can be ordered using the link below:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

Uniform Labels can be ordered using the link below. Quote fundraising number 15016 for the school to receive a 30% commission:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

ESSENTIAL UNIFORM			
ITEM		YEAR GROUP	AVAILABLE FROM
	Jade round neck sweatshirt with logo	Nursery to Year 6	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/
	Jade cardigan with logo	Nursery to Year 6	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/
	White polo shirt	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Black/grey trousers	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Black/grey skirt	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Flat black shoes	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Socks- Black, Grey or White Tights - Grey	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Jade Book Bag (optional)	A jade book bag is available but is entirely optional. Alternatively, children may prefer to bring a school backpack that is large enough to hold school books, reading books, homework diaries and other essential school items.	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/

SUMMER TERM ALTERNATIVE UNIFORM

	Summer dress	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Black/grey school shorts	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets

PE UNIFORM / FOREST SCHOOL

	Jade round neck PE T-shirt with logo	Nursery to Year 6	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/
	Black PE shorts	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Black Jogging bottoms	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	Trainers (Indoor and outdoor P.E.)	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets
	PE Bag	A school PE bag is available but is entirely optional. Children are also very welcome to bring their own gym bag or drawstring PE bag if they prefer.	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/
	Otterburn Outdoors hoodie with logo for forest school and outdoor PE	Reception to Year 6	BE School Wear - https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/