

# **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.

#### Footwear

We believe that it is both practical and safer for children to wear flat and sensible shoes. Platform soles or high heels are not suited to the busy school day. 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. Earrings are strongly discouraged in school. If parents opt for their child to wear earrings, they must only be small studs, either silver or gold. 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. If your child has their ears pierced, they must be able to independently remove their stud earrings for P.E. and swimming lessons. 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 Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a child with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

The Governors support the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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 (with or without school logo)	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
	Black/grey trousers (not leggings)	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
¢	Black/grey skirt	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
Ĩ	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	Reception to Year 4 Children in Years 5 and 6 should bring a backpack large enough to hold schoolbooks and essential 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/		
	Navy PE shorts	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
	Navy Jogging bottoms	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
	Trainers (Indoor and outdoor P.E.)	Nursery to Year 6	Various outlets		
	Jade PE Bag	Nursery to Year 6	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/		