



School Uniform Policy

In Oldcastle Primary School it is our preference that children should wear school uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school trip. Details of our school uniform are provided in our school prospectus. Children may wear PE kit to school on the day that their class PE session takes place.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the Welsh Government School Uniform Guidance 2022 and we believe that a school uniform will:

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school
- not be expensive
- uphold the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- be gender neutral

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children either to remove or cover these objects during PE and games.

Hairstyles

Parents are requested to refrain from dyeing their pupils hair and ensuring a suitable hairstyle for a child. Children will be required to tie back long hair for certain school activities, for instance, PE.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear open sandals or 'heelies' to school. PE footwear should be suitable, for example trainers, for health and safety reasons.

The role of parents

We ask all parents 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. Parents should ensure that their child has appropriate uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. School uniform does not need to contain the Oldcastle Primary School logo.

The school often receives donations of uniform and these are available for parents upon request.

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. If there are 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 pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports 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. The Welsh Government School Uniform Guidance will be followed.

Governors will ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

During extreme weather the governing body will adopt a flexible approach to school uniform.