Uniform Policy

At Oakhill, we expect all children to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We are proud of our school, and feel that our school uniform helps with a sense of belonging. We ask children to be proud of the Oakhill uniform and take a pride in their personal appearance.

The Cost of School Uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We will make sure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost and provides the best value for money for parents/carers.

We will do this by:

- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items for free
- Providing financial support for uniform when applicable
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

School Uniform Expectations

In our EYFS, Nursery and Reception, children's uniform is:

- Unbranded black joggers
- White polo shirt
- Bottle green sweatshirt
- Plain black trainers

In Years 1-6, children's uniform is:

- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- White shirt/polo short
- Bottle green jumper/cardigan
- Plain black shoes/trainers

On a Friday and on PE days, children's come to school in their PE kit:

- Unbranded black joggers/shorts
- White polo short
- Plain black trainers

Jumpers and cardigans displaying the school logo can be bought from 'Schools In' in Meir, or can be delivered to school. Plain bottle green jumpers and cardigans can be bought from local shops, including supermarkets.

Skirts and Shorts

Skirts and shorts should be approximately knee length and must provide appropriate coverage when standing, sitting and participating in normal school activities. They should be of a suitable style and fit for school and should allow children to move, play and participate comfortably in all aspects of the school day.

Where a child arrives at school wearing a skirt or shorts that do not meet these requirements, the school may provide a suitable alternative item of school uniform for the child to wear during the school day. The child's own clothing will be returned at the end of the day.

Jewellery/Make-up/Hairstyle

Pupils are able to wear a watch and a single pair of studs to school. No other jewellery will be permitted. To reduce the risk of injury caused by earrings becoming caught, pulled, knocked or entangled during physical activity, earrings must not be worn for PE or Fitness Friday. Children who come to school wearing earrings on these days must be able to remove them independently. Earrings will be kept safely and returned after the activity.

Make-up is not permitted in school, and children wearing make-up will be asked to remove it. Nail varnish, gel/acrylic nails are not permitted to be worn in school. Children will be asked to remove nail varnish.

Hair dye is not permitted to be worn in school. We expect hair that falls below the shoulders to be tied back to ensure that children are able to work safely in all lessons. If a child comes to school with long hair worn down, they will be asked to tie it up.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to lost property boxes outside the hall. Pupils are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly

named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Staff

Staff will monitor children to make sure they are in correct uniform. Daily DOJO's will be given out for children in correct uniform and an explanation given to any child who doesn't receive their DOJO why this is. Teachers will contact parents in the first instance about breaches of the uniform policy and will seek advice/assistance from SLT if the breaches are persistent.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, teachers will speak to the pupil support team who may contact parents to offer support.

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

REVIEW & AMEND AS NECESSARY ANNUALLY – SEPT 2027 (MOST RECENT REVISION SEPT 2026)