



Old Hill Primary School

Uniform Policy

September 2022

The Governors of Old Hill Primary School greatly appreciate parents' support in ensuring that their child attends school smartly dressed in the correct uniform and we regard this as a very important factor in the success of our school.

Old Hill Primary School believes that school uniform should be affordable for everyone and will ensure that the majority of clothing can be purchased from local stores and supermarkets. Branded (not compulsory) school uniform can be purchased from these suppliers:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/OldHillPrimarySchoolB646DR>

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/OL5724DS/>

It is the policy of Old Hill Primary School that all children wear school uniform. Our policy is based on the principles that school uniform:

- **Promotes a sense of pride and community identity.** By wearing the same badge and the same clothing, pupils feel a sense of belonging and equality, both within school and the community.
- **Prevents unkindness or bullying while keeping costs down.** By requiring all our pupils to wear the same low-cost uniform, we reduce the incentive for pupils to ask parents for the latest (and most expensive) items of fashion. As a result, costs are kept as low as possible and no child can be seen to be poorer or wealthier than any other.
- **Is practical and smart.** Our uniform is designed with health and safety in mind, making it suitable for school. Furthermore, it allows for easy recognition of pupils in public places, helping staff to ensure pupil safety.

School uniform consists of:

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)

Grey or black skirt / pinafore dress or grey / black plain trousers (no leggings, joggers or fashion trousers.)

Plain white shirt or polo shirt

Plain white, grey or black socks / tights

Plain flat black school shoes

Year 6 only – compulsory (as above, except)

School tie, provided by school

Plain navy v-neck jumper

Plain white shirt

During warm weather, teachers will allow Year 6 pupils to remove their ties, at their discretion.

Children are NOT permitted to wear trainers, mules, sandals, sling backs, peep toes, boots or fashion shoes.

Summer uniform (optional):

Blue check dress (white or black leggings underneath are acceptable, for modesty)

Grey or black trouser-style shorts – please note that sports shorts are NOT permitted. Shorts may not be worn with tights.

Jewellery

The following jewellery items are allowed:

Small stud earring - these must be removed by the pupil for PE

Small wrist watches – these must be removed for PE

The following jewellery items are not allowed:

Rings

Earrings (other than small studs)

Necklaces

Bracelets

Make-up

Pupils must not wear any make-up, transfer tattoos or nail varnish.

Hair Cuts & Accessories

Hair accessories must be small and plain navy or black.

Hair must not be dyed unnatural colours.

Extreme haircuts, for example, patterns shaved into a pupil's hair are not permitted.

Styles or adornments that obscure the views of pupils sitting behind in class (such as large bows).

Long hair to be tied back.

If in any doubt, families should contact the school BEFORE going to the trouble and expense of giving their child a new, potentially unacceptable hair style. This list is not exhaustive and the school's decision is final.

Headscarves For Religious Purposes

Some of our girls may choose to wear headscarves. If so, these headscarves must look conventional and understated in style.

Headscarves must be black or dark blue.

Pins or clips must be small, dark in colour and understated.

There can be no decorations such as sequins or patterns.

Material must not be too long at the front or the back so as to obscure the uniform or look untidy.

At the front, headscarves material must not go below the V-neck of a jumper or equivalent.

If pupils choose to wear a headscarf, it must completely cover the hair.

For Physical Education

Plain sky-blue polo t-shirt

Plain blue shorts

Black Plimsolls or plain black trainers

Plain navy or black jogging bottoms (in winter for outdoor games)

Plain navy or black jumper or fleece without hoods (in winter for outdoor games).*

*Pupils are allowed to wear their normal school jumper for this purpose.

We do not want pupils feeling under pressure because they do not have the latest fashion accessory. No logos are allowed for this reason.

During PE lesson, children may not wear:

Jewellery, including earrings, (If stud earrings cannot be taken out, children MUST bring plasters from home in order to cover them)

Tights

Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school every day.

Items of religious significance

The Headteacher may grant exceptions to any of the above, but only where this is required as a matter of sincere religious observance and where this can be substantiated by a letter from the leader of the relevant religious community.

Other Information

Should an item of school uniform need modifying for a child with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are a statutory requirement of the national curriculum and the following kit list should be adhered to:

One-piece swimming costume for girls

Swim shorts, above the knee for boys

Long hair must be tied back for swimming.

Children wearing earrings are not permitted in the swimming pool.

Labelling

All articles of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's full name. The school cannot take responsibility for lost items. Items of second-hand uniform are available at the school office.

Non-compliance

Should there be any questions as to what acceptable school uniform is please contact the school to check before purchase.

The Department for Education states that teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. Old Hill Primary would rather not have to take this approach, if at all possible. The following procedure will be followed in an instance where a pupil is not in the correct uniform / PE kit:

1. Teacher to ask for an item (large bow, hoodie) to be removed.
2. Teacher to speak to the parent regarding incorrect uniform
3. Letter sent home requesting correct uniform
4. Meeting with Headteacher to resolve issue.

The school's decision is final.

Appendix

Example of Appropriate Footwear



PE Kit

Trainers for PE



Plimsolls for PE



Sky-blue polo for PE



Navy blue shorts for PE



Example of Correct School Uniform (with and without logos)



Example of Year 6 Correct School Uniform

