



# Oughtibridge Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I just wanted to write with a reminder about our expectations for school uniform as I know many of you will be shopping for this over the summer holidays. Please remember that school shoes and trainers should be **all black**.

## The Benefits of Having a School Uniform

### Saves Time

By wearing uniforms, pupils no longer have to waste time planning their outfits to wear to school. Wearing a school uniform means that pupils are focused on their education and not on their attire. Research has shown that when all pupils are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from pupils.

### Reduces Peer Pressure

Wearing a standard uniform saves money - there's no need to buy extra 'fashionable' clothes to impress other people at school. Pupils who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance and social status. Because all pupils are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment.

School uniforms create a level playing field, which reduces peer pressure and helps to prevent bullying. A school uniform can prevent bullying based on appearance or economic background and encourage positive feelings of being socially accepted.

### Encourages School Spirit

School uniforms are also thought to improve school spirit. In wearing one, pupils can feel greater levels of school pride, unity, and community spirit. Whenever your child puts on their school uniform, they are representing their school, along with their peers.

### Uniform Guidance

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name:

- Sweatshirts or cardigans should be navy blue.
- Trousers should be full length, in navy blue, plain black or dark grey.
- Shorts should be smart shorts in navy blue, plain black or dark grey
- Polo shirts should be white or navy blue.
- Skirts/pinafores should be navy blue, plain black or dark grey of a suitable length.
- Gingham dresses should be blue and only worn in the summer months.





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- Footwear should be **black shoes or totally black trainers**.

## Jewellery and Hair Accessories

**For safety reasons children should not wear any jewellery (this includes necklaces.)** The only exceptions are stud earrings (no hoops) and essential religious items. Please do not send your child to school with fancy bows, headbands and clips.

If your child is considering getting their ears pierced over the summer holidays, we kindly ask that this is done at the beginning of the break.

**From September all earrings must be removed for PE lessons.** New piercings require time to heal before they can be safely taken out, so early piercing ensures students can fully participate in PE when school resumes. Unfortunately, from September, children will **NOT** be able to use tape to cover their earrings. This is because tape is **NOT** a sufficient safety precaution. This is a change in the previous policy due to a recent Health and Safety review. Please consider this before you agree to your child having their ears pierced.

**Please note: Students who are unable to remove earrings for PE will not be able to take part in the lesson and/or parents will be contacted to come and remove the earrings.**

Can I also remind you that smart watches with the capacity to take photos, make recordings or receive messages should not be worn.

## P.E. Kit and Days

The PE kit can be comprised of the following items:

- T-shirts should be plain white or navy blue
- Shorts should be plain navy blue or black.
- Footwear should be **all black** trainers or plimsolls.
- A **navy** track suit **or navy** school sweatshirt can be used in colder weather.

**We will share your child's PE Days with you in September.**

Class teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team will speak to children if they are not wearing the correct uniform and remind them of our expectations. Please support school and help us reinforce our high standards. Members of SLT may also give you a ring to remind you of the school uniform expectations.





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If your child has a diagnosed sensory or special educational need, we understand that special adaptations may need to be made. Please see a member of SLT to discuss further if this has not already been arranged.

With warm regards,

Mrs Helen Adams  
Headteacher

