

School Uniform – Orton Wistow

Like most schools, we have our own uniform.

Wearing a uniform shows that you belong to the school community and our children wear it with pride. We deliberately include some variations in our uniform to allow for a little bit of self-expression and variety e.g. blue or white polo shirt, long sleeved or short sleeved polo shirt, lilac or blue gingham dress.

The staff and I have noticed that other items of clothing are starting to appear in school that are not part of our school uniform e.g. girls skirts that are too short. With this in mind, I thought it was a good idea to clarify, especially as you might buy new uniform over the summer, what is...and what is not our school uniform.

We have never taken a firm line on uniform even though the DfE says that:

Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

The DfE guidance says the headteacher (or a person authorised by the headteacher) may ask a pupil to go home to change if he or she has arrived at school dressed incorrectly. It notes that this would be an authorised absence, rather than an exclusion.

I don't want to reach this point as it doesn't fit in with the type of relationship I want between home and school so I would appreciate it if parents could make sure that their child wears the items below. This does not have to be branded with the school logo, although our official uniform is available from

Total Clothing, 9 Botolph Trading Estate, Oundle Road, Peterborough, PE2 9QP.

Tel: 01733 394758 <http://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/owps>

However, some children wear inappropriate items. We need your support on this.

Please adhere to the uniform expectations set out below.

Years FS – 5

POLO SHIRTS — white or blue, short or long sleeved



SCHOOL JUMPER AND CARDIGAN



Boys – **PLAIN WHITE SHIRT**
short or long sleeved



Girls – **PLAIN WHITE BLOUSE** short or long sleeved



SCHOOL JUMPER and POLO SHIRT– YEAR 6 ONLY

Our Y6 children wear a slightly different uniform. This makes them more visible in school to staff, visitors and children. The school provides Year 6 children with one purple sweatshirt. Year 6 should ONLY wear PURPLE Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts.



TROUSERS OR SHORTS – plain grey/black/navy.
(Shorts should be knee length)



SKIRTS AND PINAFORE DRESSES - plain grey, black or navy.



SUMMER DRESSES – pale blue or navy gingham or purple/lilac gingham



Please make sure that dresses are long enough. Some dresses are short and this is an issue when girls are sitting crossed legged on the floor.

We have noticed that some girls have started to wear the gingham jumpsuits. These are fine as long as they are long enough – not mid-thigh.

What should my child wear?

We ask that children wear their choice of the following:

- ★ Sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans - plain navy FS- Y5 only NOT BLACK (with or without school logo).
- ★ Polo shirts - white or royal blue, FS-Y5 (with or without school logo).
- ★ Year 6 should wear Purple Polo shirts and sweatshirts
- ★ Long sleeved shirt/blouse - white.
- ★ Trousers or shorts – plain grey/black/navy. (Shorts should be knee length)
- ★ Skirts or pinafores - plain grey, black or navy.
- ★ Summer dresses – pale blue or navy gingham or purple/lilac gingham
- ★ Plain dark leather or imitation leather shoes or sandals. **(NOT TRAINERS)**
- ★ Plain grey, navy blue, white or purple socks/tights
- ★ Splash suit for outside play (Foundation Stage Only)
- ★ Drawstring bag for spare clothes
- ★ Book bag

Splash suits – Foundation Stage

We expect all children in the Foundation Stage to have a splash suit which is an all-in-one waterproof suit. These help to keep the children clean and dry when they are learning outdoors and can be ordered through the school office.

FOOTWEAR

Plain dark leather or imitation leather shoes or sandals. **(NOT TRAINERS/ NOT FABRIC SHOES)**

As part of their school uniform children should wear plain dark shoes or sandals. In the last year or two we have noticed a growing trend for some children to wear fabric shoes to school.

Fabric shoes are not allowed for a number of reasons; they are not waterproof, they are not as hard wearing as leather shoes and as they cannot be polished, they tend to look untidier. Although we are happy for children to wear shoes with velcro fastening, we do not allow children to wear trainers to school.

In the **winter** only girls may wear plain, dark boots. Girls should not wear shoes or boots with a high heel as these are not practical for school activities or playtimes. We also discourage girls from wearing open toed sandals as these do not offer enough protection.

PLAIN grey, navy blue , white or purple socks/tights

Jewellery

We do ask that children do **not** wear jewellery for school, as losses or breakages can be very upsetting and the school cannot take responsibility for these. Health and Safety regulations state that children with pierced ears must remove their earrings for PE and swimming, or the earrings should be taped over.

Most children with pierced ears avoid wearing their earrings to school on PE or swimming days. **If worn, earrings should be small, plain studs as hoops can easily be caught when children play.**

PE Kit

Having the full, correct PE kit is both a key part of the PE curriculum and is also part of school uniform. Please check that your child arrives in school on these days in the correct kit below:

Children in KS2 are expected (and encouraged) to take personal responsibility for having the correct PE kit in school at all times.

- * t-shirt (plain white or school house t-shirt)
 - * shorts (dark blue or black)
 - * socks (dark)
 - * trainers (KS1 may have additional plimsolls for indoor use if desired)
 - * tracksuit top without hood (any colour but preferably dark) for sport in colder weather and walking to events
 - * tracksuit bottoms
- Long hair should always be tied back and earrings removed or taped up.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:

- Purple cardigans
- Trainers
- Fabric shoes
- Shorts that are not knee length

Finally, we know that the current craze for large hair bows has arrived at OWPS. We have never had to have a rule on hair accessories but we think the bows are getting a bit on the large size!

UNIFORM CODE

Naming Uniform

All items of clothing, including coats, **MUST** be labelled with your child's name. Sweatshirts and jumpers, in particular, are forever ending up in lost property. Without names, it is very hard to return them to their owners. We prefer uniform to be labelled with an iron on or sewn in label as handwritten labels tend to wash off.

Ulyses The Uniform unicorn

We are fortunate that all children at the school wear our school uniform and a smart appearance is promoted each week when the best dressed class is awarded Ulyses the Uniform Unicorn!