

St Oswald's CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy

The Department for Education guidance states:

“The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.”

[School Uniform: Guidance for Head Teachers, Governing Bodies, Academy Trusts, Free Schools and Local Authorities on School Uniform and Related Policies, 2012]

At St Oswald's we believe that school uniform has an important part to play in achieving the aims of our Mission Statement, by promoting a sense of cohesiveness and community, setting high expectations and reducing inequalities. We have tried to ensure that our uniform is practical and can be purchased at a reasonable cost.

We want all our pupils to:

- look smart
- share a sense of belonging to our school
- set and maintain high standards for themselves and others
- feel and convey pride in representing our school
- learn to take responsibility for themselves

We want parents / carers to:

- understand our expectations regarding uniform
- share these expectations and help us to ensure that their children meet them
- understand and support the action we will take when these expectations are not met

SCHOOL UNIFORM

POLO SHIRT / LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT	-	White or Navy (with or without embroidered St Oswald's badge)
SWEATSHIRT / CARDIGAN	-	Navy (with or without embroidered St Oswald's badge)
TROUSERS / SKIRT	-	Grey (no logos)
[Girls may also wear blue & white summer dresses; skirts should be knee-length]		
SHOES	-	Black (not fashion shoes, boots or trainers)
SOCKS/TIGHTS		Black, Navy, Grey or White

PE KIT

T-SHIRT	-	White or Navy (with or without St Oswald's badge)
SHORTS	-	Navy or White
PLIMSOLLS or TRAINERS (trainers for indoor use must have non-marking soles and be clean)	-	Black or White

Trainers / football boots and track suits will be needed for outdoor sports during colder months.

JEWELLERY

In the interests of Health & Safety jewellery must not be worn. The only exceptions to this are **stud** earrings, watches or items of religious importance. Children will be required to remove these or cover them in tape for PE lessons.

HAIR & MAKE-UP

Extreme/high fashion hair styles or colours are not suitable for school. Nail varnish and make-up must not be worn. The only exception to this is when the school is holding a special event where children are being invited to 'dress up' (e.g. charity fund-raising days.)

WINTER FOOTWEAR

In winter conditions children may come to school in boots / wellingtons or other appropriate footwear for outdoor use, but they will be expected to change these to indoor shoes when they come into the building.

We expect all pupils to conform to this policy. If a child comes to school not wearing the correct uniform, a note will be sent home to parents/carers reminding them of this policy and asking them to rectify the issue.

LOST PROPERTY

We ask parents / carers to ensure that all clothing is labelled with the child's name. Each phase team has a box for lost property. The items in the lost property box will be displayed periodically at the beginning and end of school, after which any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

FOSOSF (Friends of St Oswald's School Fulford) hold regular second hand uniform sales at which parents can purchase good quality used items at reduced cost.

UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

Our school uniform suppliers are **Emblazon** (Telephone 01904 624379) Items of uniform can be purchased from their shop at 138 Micklegate, York, by mail order or via their website at www.emblazon.biz.

Second Hand Uniform

The school regularly holds second hand uniform sales on school premises. Please contact the office for the date of the next sale.