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Dear Parents/Carers,

Starting from September, we will be having a huge focus on making sure that the children are wearing the correct uniform. We will be setting the highest of standards and expect your full support and cooperation. The majority of our children come into school extremely well presented in the correct school uniform; ***we are now expecting that to be every child and all of the time.***

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life and is school policy. It also creates an identity for school and is an important part of being a school pupil. All parents agreed to adhere to school policies when their child became a member of St Oswald's C of E Academy.

At St Oswald's, we, as do all other primary and secondary schools in the area, insist on children wearing the correct uniform for a number of reasons:

- Uniforms create a sense of belonging to a particular school and an identity for the school in the community. It unites all children at St Oswald's CofE Academy.
- Uniform means student do not have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important.
- Wearing a different jumper, or top can make a child 'stand out' from their classmates so they are seen to be flouting the rules and different from everyone one else. This can be very upsetting for some children and unnecessary issues often arise when the children are asked to remove the item that is not uniform.

Most uniform items can be purchased from retail outlets such as Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, etc. School logo items can be purchased through Brigade on the link on our school website.

We have some barely worn school uniform available for any children that don't already have them – these are available free of charge. If you would like to make use of these, please just ask at the school office, who will be happy to help.



Reminder of school uniform:

Our school uniform is:

- Royal blue jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt/cardigan
- White or blue blouse/shirt or polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/ appropriate length skirt
- Black, grey or white socks or tights
- Flat, sensible black shoes or fully black trainers should be worn at all times. No open toed shoes or sandals should be worn for safety reasons. If children wear trainers these should be completely plain black with no coloured logos or laces (plain, short black boots may be worn in winter).



With the option in the summer term of:

- Grey or black shorts
- Blue and white check dresses

Please remember:

- Make up, including nail polish, should not be worn.
- Pupils who have pierced ears may wear a discreet stud in one or both ears. These must be removed during PE lessons for safety reasons.
- Jewellery is not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Pupils will be asked to remove any items of jewellery and these will be kept safe and sent home at the end of the day. A watch will be allowed but no smart watches, fit bits, etc. Should a pupil need to wear jewellery for religious or medical reasons, parents / carers must seek permission by way of a letter to the Head of School / Executive Headteacher.
- Extremes in hairstyle are to be avoided. Hair should not be dyed any non-natural colour, i.e. pink, blue, green etc.
- Children with shoulder length hair and longer will need to tie their hair back for PE lessons.



After a successful trial this half term, we will continue to allow pupils to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated PE day next academic year. However, it is vital that pupils wear the correct PE kit. We have allowed some leeway this term with tracksuits tops and bottoms not being the required black or navy as this was a new option. From September, it will be expected that all tracksuit tops and bottoms, if chosen to be worn to school are of the correct colour.

Clothing for PE

- House colour t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers (slip on types for children unable to tie laces)
- Plain black or navy jogging top and bottoms (especially during the colder months)



We thank you in advance for your support, ensuring school policies are followed and making sure your child is dressed appropriately for school each day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the uniform policy, please do not hesitate to contact us. The uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Kind regards,



Jayne Geran
Head of School