



School Uniform

The Corporation of Oundle School includes both Oundle School, a boarding and day School for pupils aged 11 – 18 and Laxton Junior School, a day School for pupils aged 4 - 11. This policy applies solely to Laxton Junior School.

Introduction and Aims

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform or sports kit when attending school, participating in sporting activities, attending trips during school time or, at our discretion, when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform and sports kit in a Uniform Booklet, which is provided as a hard copy to all parents, as well as being available on our website.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical, comfortable and smart
- Jewellery identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and of good quality, by most parents

Accessibility

We recognise that there will be occasions when clothing or footwear may need to be reviewed in relation to a disability, medical condition, injury or other extenuating circumstance. Where such a case requires modification to clothing or footwear that is worn for school, parents should liaise with the School to agree the modifications necessary.

Our school is fully inclusive. If parents wish their child to wear clothes that differ from the stated school uniform, they should discuss their requests with the School, and these will be supported wherever possible.

Summer and Winter Uniform

Winter uniform must be worn from the second half of the Michaelmas Term through to the end of the Lent Term. Summer uniform must be worn during the Summer Term. Children may wear either summer or winter uniform for the first half of the Michaelmas Term but the two uniforms should not be mixed.

Specific Items

Jewellery and Watches

For a variety of reasons including health and safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious or ethnic significance, where agreed with the Head. We ask children to remove jewellery during sporting and outdoor learning activities.

Earrings are not permitted. Where children are not able to remove earrings in the first six weeks of wearing them, medical tape must not be used. Where hole retainers are used, these should not have backs, to minimise the risk of injury.

Watches may be worn. These should not be of significant value and should be removed for sporting and outdoor learning activities.

Footwear

Wearing well-fitting and comfortable footwear is important for long-term health. We ask that children wear flat, enclosed shoes with no platform or high heel. Shoes should be black or navy blue, and should be fastened securely with a buckle, velcro or shoelaces. Trainers may not be worn unless they are being worn for a sporting activity or for a medical need, agreed in conjunction with the Deputy Head.

Trainers (not plimsolls) should be worn for sporting activities. These should be predominantly white, navy blue or black, and should be fastened securely with velcro or shoelaces.

Reception children are invited to wear indoor shoes whilst engaging in their learning in the EYFS learning environment. These should be blank or navy blue, soft soled and have velcro fastenings, eg, plimsolls or other canvas shoes.

The Role of Parents

We ask that parents read and understand the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed. This creates a sense of calm and readiness for the child, and reduces stress and anxiety. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Where there are concerns about a child's uniform, the Form Teacher will contact the parent to discuss this further.

If any parent wishes to seek modification to the School Uniform Policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head.

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