



Uniform Policy

Tall Oaks Academy Trust

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Revisions of policy

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September 2022	1	Policy re-written to include affordability information	SW	CF

School Uniform Policy

The Board of Trustees have a statutory duty placed upon it to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupils. We believe that a smart school uniform worn by all children promotes a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development. Moreover, it contributes to a sense of community and belonging, central to our ethos, as our children identify with each other and their school. The updated policy (Sept 2022) takes account of DfE guidance about uniform affordability.

Aims

The wearing of a uniform will create a sense of identity and pride in the school. The children will learn to take pride in their personal appearance. By insisting on correct uniform, the parents will be assured that their children are wearing clothes that are appropriate and safe for school life.

Guidelines

We expect the support of all parents/carers for our policy.

It is school policy to include all our children in every activity. Provision will be made for children who, for medical or religious reasons, find the uniform inappropriate, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. Parents must discuss the issue with the Head of School.

Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform – this might include hoodies, oversized hair accessories or jewellery.

2. If the uniform item cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they must not wear the item in school. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and present a copy of the Uniform Policy.
3. If new uniform or footwear is needed to be able to conform to the policy, the teacher will advise the family to purchase the suitable items.

Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned. Children will be asked to write their name in any unnamed items.

Make-up

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

Recycled Uniform

Any unwanted items are collected and stored by the school. Once a term, there is an opportunity for parents to purchase this uniform at a nominal cost. All proceeds go back to school to purchase emergency-use uniform held in school. The Safeguarding & Welfare Officer, Mrs Julie Jones is alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may be in need of more uniform and recycled uniform is available to families when needed.

PE Kit

A PE kit for each child should be available in school at all times. It is sent home at half-term to be washed and should be returned on the first day back to school. All items should be named and the kit should be held in a named PE kitbag (available from our uniform supplier). Should your child not have a PE kit in school, contact will be made with parents to bring it in before the lesson that day.

Non-Uniform Days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days. On these days, the Uniform Policy is relaxed and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes, or in some cases, in fancy dress costumes. In the interests of health & safety, the policy does not change for wearing hoodies, heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery, make up and nail varnish or body art.

School Visits & Sporting Events

When the children are on a school visit or attending a sporting event, it may be appropriate to change the uniform requirements for that day. If this is the case, this will be communicated to parents.

Suppliers

Our school jumpers & cardigans are only available from Uniform Direct. However, in order to keep costs down, we urge parents to look elsewhere for such items as plain white polo shirts, PE t-shirts, PE sports shorts, trousers, skirts and dresses. Additionally, as mentioned previously, recycled uniform is available from school upon request.

Our School Uniform

Daily uniform:

Turquoise jumper or cardigan (only available from Uniform Direct or our school)

Plain white polo shirt (with or without logo)

Plain white collared shirt (short or long-sleeved)

Black or dark grey trousers

Black or dark grey skirt

Black or dark grey shorts

Blue & white checked summer dress

Plain black trainers or school shoes

Reversible school coat (optional – only available from Uniform Direct)

PE kit:

Plain white t-shirt

Turquoise, black, grey or blue PE shorts

Trainers or plimsolls

It is important for all school uniform, coats, PE kit are clearly named.