



OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

AND

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

With delegated responsibility from the
Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust

UNIFORM POLICY

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Policy Amendments

Version date	Section/ Page	Amendment
June 2026	Throughout	Head of School to replace Headteacher Updates to include Parents and Carers
	4.4 / Page 3	Removal of paragraph regarding Governors' Uniform Fund as no longer applicable
	5.0 / Page 3	Change to parent/carers referring to child's Tutor or Head of Year (removal of Pastoral Deputy)
	5.2 / Page 4	New section regarding mobile phone pouches
	5.3.1 / Page 4	Removal of (without logo) for coats
	5.3.2 / Page 4	Specification of black or navy scarf
	5.5.5 / Page 5	Addition of 'headgear'
	5.6.1 / Page 5	Addition of 'excessive'
	5.7.4 / Page 5	Update to procedure
	5.8 / Page 6	Students are not permitted to wear cycling shorts
	Page 6	Removal of Choir/Band Uniform (no longer applicable)
	6.0 / Page 6	New paragraph regarding second hand uniform
March 2026	5.7.4 / Page 5	Rugby socks must be royal blue
February 2025	5.7.1 / Page 5	All students to have shorts or skort, with or without OCS logo If wearing leggings or training trousers, must be purchased from Skoolkit with OCS logo
	5.7.4 / Page 5	Removal of (girls) for shorts or skort Rugby or football boots needed for boys and girls in KS3 (change from girls in Year 7 and 8)
	5.7.5 / Page 6	New paragraph regarding optional items
February 2024	5.7.1 / Page 5	Students must bring their PE kit to all lessons even if they are not intending on participating in lesson.
June 2023	5.1/5.2 Page 3 / Page 4	Specify ankle socks, not knee high socks
	5.7 / Page 5	Clarification of rugby kit requirements
February 2023	Throughout	Removal of gender specific uniform items
	Section 5.1 / Page 4	Change to white v-neck plain revere blouse Removal of specific skirt length
	Section 5.2.3 / Page 4	Addition of 'hot weather' for wearing of hats
	Section 5.4.1 / Page 4	Addition of word 'excessive' relating to hair beading
	Section 5.5 / Page 5	Addition of 'false eyelashes' to list of cosmetics which are not permitted
	Section 5.7 / Page 5	Change to PE wear, reducing the amount of compulsory logo items
February 2021	Section 4.4 / Page 3	Oaklands Friends and Parents Association
	Section 5.2 / Page 4	Removal of conflicting sentence
	Section 5.4 / Page 5	Removal of 'braiding'
	Section 5.6.1 / Page 5	'Girls' replaced with 'students'

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:3-4

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Oaklands Catholic School adheres to a school uniform up to and including Year 11 (Sixth Form students do not wear a uniform but are requested to wear clothing which is appropriate for a learning organisation and with due regard to their status as senior members of the school community).
- 1.2 Our school colours are navy blue and royal blue.
- 1.3 The purpose of our school uniform policy is to provide clear and detailed information to stakeholders, increase student safety, to encourage our students to experience a greater sense of pride and identity with their community, to maintain high levels of good student behaviour, to manage costs to parents/carers and to expand academic excellence.
- 1.4 The school has taken measures to ensure that the uniform represents good value for money that the logoed items have been carefully sourced so that they are both high quality and durable, and that parents/carers can purchase some plain items in high street stores.
- 1.5 This guidance will be sensitive to the needs and beliefs of the whole community, bearing in mind its duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and antidiscrimination legislation which are covered within this document.

2.0 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that:
 - School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
 - Engenders a sense of identity and belonging towards the Oaklands community
 - Supports positive behaviour and discipline
 - Is practical, affordable and smart
 - Makes students feel equal and encourages cohesion
 - Has been designed with health and safety in mind
 - Supports sustainability

3.0 The Role of Parents and Carers

- 3.1 We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.
- 3.2 We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

- 3.3 If there are serious reasons, ie: on religious grounds, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider sympathetically individual requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head of School. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

4.0 The Role of Governors

- 4.1 The Governing Body supports the Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. Using the complaints procedure, it will consider representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 4.2 It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 4.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable.

5.0 Uniform List

If parents/carers are in doubt about any aspect of uniform, hairstyle etc, please check with your child's Tutor or Head of Year before proceeding.

5.1 All students in Years 7 – 11 wear the following uniform:

Navy Eco blazer with crest * **(compulsory)**

Navy v-neck jumper or tank top with logo *

White v-neck plain reverse blouse (*embroidered or patterned collars are not permitted*) *, or

White shirt ** with a navy and royal double stripe tie *

Navy stitched down pleated skirt (*knee length*) **, or

Navy formal tailored trousers (or specified brand from Skoolkit Shop) (*cotton, skinny fit, chinos or jeans styles are not permitted*) **

Black or navy **ankle** socks (no knee high socks), black or natural tights (*no patterns or lace*)

Flat black leather (*not suede*) shoes (*no higher than 2", not trainers or casual style*); platform or stilettos are not permitted.

* The blazer, jumper, tie and blouse should be purchased from Skoolkit, either online or at the shop in Havant or Fareham.

** Trousers, skirts, shirts may also be purchased in any major chain store providing that they match the requirements listed.

5.2 Mobile Phone Pouches (Compulsory for Years 7-11)

5.2.1 Following new DfE statutory guidance ([Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools-guidance), June 2026), all students on roll at the start of the academic year 2026-27 will be issued with a mobile phone pouch which they will be expected to use in line with the school procedures.

5.2.2 Any student joining the school during the academic year will be issued with a mobile phone pouch when they arrive.

5.2.3 If a student loses or damages their mobile phone pouch, parents/carers must purchase a replacement via Scopay.

5.2.4 Only pouches provided by the school can be used.

5.3 Additional information applicable to all students

5.3.1 Coats

The blazer will be worn at all times (except in class). For inclement weather, students may wear a plain appropriate school coat, preferably navy or black to be worn over the blazer. Denim, leather or leather look jackets are not acceptable. *Hoodies/sweatshirts are forbidden and not considered an acceptable item of school uniform.*

5.3.2 Scarves

In the winter students may wear a black or navy blue scarf.

5.3.3 Hats

Hats are not normally permitted. However, in cases of health and safety (eg extreme cold or hot weather) hats, if worn, must be plain black or navy blue.

5.3.4 Socks/Tights

Students wearing trousers should wear black or navy socks.

Students wearing a skirt should wear black or navy blue **ankle** socks, flesh coloured sheer tights, navy blue or black plain opaque tights.

Grey, patterned or lacy tights are not permitted. Knee high socks are not permitted.

5.3.5 Logos

No logos (other than the school logo) should be displayed on any uniform garments

5.4 Jewellery

5.4.1 On health and safety grounds we only allow students to wear a limited amount of jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are: **one** plain pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears (in the lobe – no flesh tunnels etc are permitted), a watch and a plain crucifix on a chain.

5.4.2 Students must remove jewellery during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

5.4.3 Piercings of any other kind are strictly forbidden.

5.4.4 The school reserves the right to confiscate jewellery or other body adornments (bracelets, rings, bangles etc) brought into school by students; these will be returned to parents/carers.

5.5 Hair

5.5.1 Exaggerated, coloured, or bleached hairstyles are not acceptable at Oaklands. **This includes excessive beading and extreme colouring/highlights.** Excessively long and excessively short hair styles are considered exaggerated and are not acceptable.

5.5.2 Hair must not hide the face – all features must be visible.

5.5.3 Long hair must be tied up for PE.

5.5.4 For parent/carer' guidance, short haircuts should be of no less than a Grade 2 on any part of the head. Students should be clean shaven.

5.5.5 Hair accessories/headgear must be navy, royal blue or white.

5.6 Cosmetics

- 5.6.1 Excessive make-up (including false eyelashes), excessive fake tan, nail varnish, artificial, gel or acrylic nails and tattoos are not permitted. Students will be asked to remove these with cleansers etc provided in school.
- 5.6.2 The school reserves the right to confiscate makeup brought into school by students; cosmetics will be confiscated and returned to parents/carers.

5.7 Footwear

- 5.7.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, therefore students will not wear shoes with heels which are higher than 2 inches.
- 5.7.2 Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.
- 5.7.3 Ankle or knee boots may not be worn. All students will wear plain black shoes (not suede).
- 5.7.4 If a student wears the incorrect footwear they will report to their Head of Year and be issued with a sanction if they do not have a note from a parent / carer explaining why an exception needs to be made. If they have a note they *may* be issued with a pass until they have acquired the correct footwear in accordance with regulations.

5.8 Sportswear

- 5.8.1 *
- * Please note that sports clothing is available from Skoolkit and has the school logo on all items.
 - * The OCS logo PE T-Shirt from Skoolkit is compulsory for all students.
 - * All students must have either a pair of blue shorts (not cycling shorts) or a blue skort. In addition, all students can wear navy blue training trousers if they wish. These can be purchased from Skoolkit with the logo on or you can buy them without a logo from another retailer.
 - * If a student would like to wear leggings **they must be purchased from Skoolkit with the logo** on to ensure they are appropriate sportswear.

NB Students **must** bring their PE kit to all lessons, even if they are not intending on participating in lesson.

5.8.2 Footwear must be purchased elsewhere.

5.8.3 A towel is required for PE and Games lessons.

5.8.4 **All students in Years 7-11 require the following items:**

Oaklands Catholic School logo PE polo shirt *** (compulsory).

Rugby Socks must be royal blue (boys in Key Stage 3 / Girls in Year 7 and 8)

Rugby Shorts (boys in Key Stage 3 / Girls in Year 7 and 8) ****

Rugby Top (students who play rugby /all boys in Key Stage 3 / Girls in Year 7 and 8) ***

Navy Shorts or Navy skort ****

Plain white sports socks

Predominantly white trainers (non-marking soles)

Rugby boots or football boots + rugby safety studs (boys/girls in Key Stage 3 and all who play rugby in Key Stage 4)

5.8.5 **Optional unisex items (for all students):**

Navy mid layer training top – must not be fleece material or a hoodie. Should be similar material and style to the top available to purchase from Skoolkit.

Navy training trousers - must not be fleece material. Should be similar material and style to the training trousers available to purchase from Skoolkit.

Leggings***

*** Available to purchase from Skoolkit and must have the Oaklands Logo

**** Can be purchased at Skoolkit with logo or can be plain navy blue sports shorts (not cycling shorts)

6.0 **Oaklands Friends and Parents Association**

- 6.1 The Oaklands Friends and Parents Association (OFPA) hold regular second hand uniform sales and stock good quality pre-loved items. They may be contacted at opa@oaklandscatholicschool.org