

# **St Paul's Church of England Primary School Oswaldtwistle**



***'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech; in conduct; in love; in faith and in purity.' (1 Timothy 4:12)***

## **School Uniform Policy**

**September 2025**

## **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

## **Aims and Objectives**

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 and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

## **Our School Uniform:**

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- Royal blue and gold V-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White shirt with royal blue tie (elasticated or traditional style)
- Royal blue, grey and gold tartan pleated skirts or grey trousers
- Blue/white gingham dress – (April-July only)
- Grey socks (below the knee if worn with a skirt) or grey tights
- Plain black school shoes (No trainers or logos)

If girls are required to cover their heads for religious reasons, the scarves should be black or royal blue, and secure when worn but easily removed in an emergency. They should also not impair the hearing.

## **PE Uniform**

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- Plain White T-shirt
- Black /Blue shorts
- Black pumps (trainers may be worn for outdoor PE only)

Some families require that girls cover their arms and legs at all times. The school will respect this. Long sleeved white T shirt and black leggings.

All PE clothing must be named and kept in a named PE bag on coat pegs in the cloakroom. We do not allow the wearing of jewellery whilst doing PE or sports lessons because it could be dangerous.

## **Jewellery & Nails**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are medical jewellery, small stud earrings and watches. Earrings MUST be removed for PE; the school follows LCC guidelines which state that it is not acceptable to 'tape over' earrings.

Artificial nail extensions are also not permitted due to health and safety. Nail varnish is also not to be worn, as it is not in keeping with our smart school uniform.

### **Extreme Haircuts and Styles**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes very closely shaved parts of the head including 'tramlines', hair dye and/or hair extensions.

Long hair should be tied back, and large hair accessories should not be worn.

### **Footwear**

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, so we do not allow this.. We do not 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. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

### **The Role of Parents**

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

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for a special need/requirement, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing board supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that it is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing board will:

- seek views of parents, ensuring they agree with the policy, and support it
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations

This policy will be reviewed by the governing board every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

**Reviewed Sept 2025**  
**Next Review Sept 2027**