



Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Updated Uniform Policy from September 2022

In recent months there has been lots of discussions in the media and press regarding making school uniforms affordable for all families. On Friday 19th November 2021 the government published new legally-binding guidance which states that all families will save money on school uniforms from September 2022.

The Department for Education (DfE) issued guidance which all schools must follow with regards to the [cost of school uniform](#). All schools must ensure that school uniform costs are reasonable and parents are able to get the best value for money.

With this in mind, Aspirations Academies Trust have considered what Oak Hill branded items will remain and what items can be purchased from high street retailers and supermarkets. From September 2022 we will be keeping our Oak Hill green blazer and Oak Hill tie. All other items can therefore be purchased from other shops to make them affordable for all.

Oak Hill branded items such as our skirt, PE tops, jumper and book bags can still be purchased from our school uniform retailer, School Bells, but once their stock has run out they will no longer be available. We aim to phase out the branded items, other than our blazer and tie, by September 2023. Any Oak Hill branded item can still be worn throughout next school year.

From September 2022 our uniform will be the following:

Item	Description	Retailer
Branded Items		
Blazer	Green with Oak Hill Logo	School Bells
Tie	Tartan design	School Bells + OHA
Non Branded Items		
Trousers	Black, tailored, classic style and full length NOT jeans, overly tight or leggings	Any
Shorts	Black, tailored, classic style and knee length	Any
Skirt	Black, classic style, pleated and knee length	Any
Shirt	Plain white traditional collared school shirt	Any
Jumper	Plain black, V neck knitted jumper	Any
Socks	Black or White	Any
Tights	Black	Any
Shoes	A plain closed design, no heels, boots or trainers	Any
Bag	A backpack which will fit inside a locker	Any
Coat	Any outdoor coat suitable for wet weather	Any





PE Kit		
Polo Shirt	Plain white collared polo shirt	Any
Tracksuit	Black, plain, no logos and not branded	Any
Shorts	Black football style shorts	Any
Trainers	Any brand of trainers suitable for outdoor PE	Any

As part of the new government incentive, all schools must hold a stock of second hand uniform which will be available for parents to make use of in order to reduce waste and bring down emissions from manufacturing new garments whilst making it cost-effective for parents.

As we are reliant on second hand items being donated all items are available on a first come, first serve basis and are dependant on sizes available.

In line with the new guidance, our school are abiding to our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 and to avoid discrimination we have:

- Avoided listing uniform items based on gender, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Made sure that our uniform costs are the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable. However, no extreme colours or haircuts are permitted
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols

From 19th April 2022 we are reverting back to pre-Covid measures and children will no longer be required to attend school in their PE kits. PE kits must be brought into school every Monday morning ready for the school week. This change has also been implemented via the Department for Education so that all children can be identified by their school uniform when travelling to and from school.

A copy of our updated Uniform Policy is attached with this letter for your information. It is also available on our website.

If you have any questions relating to our new policy please do send an email to office@oakhill-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely,

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