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### **Oakmoor uniform for 2024-25 academic year**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to contact all parents and carers regarding the uniform rules ahead of the new academic year, which starts in September 2024. We have reviewed our uniform requirements to ensure the total cost of our uniform remains as low as possible. As a result of this review, we have removed the need to purchase the skirt and PE shorts from our uniform supplier. We are very confident that it is far cheaper to purchase an Oakmoor School uniform compared to other local secondary schools in Liphook and Alton.

In 2024 - 25, correct uniform will be a crucial part of our "Ready to Learn" checklist. Only once the checklist is complete can students take part in our lessons each and every day. A member of our staff team will check this every morning. Students who are not ready to learn will not take part in lessons.

Ready to learn checklist:

- Correct uniform
- Correct stationery
- Correct school bag

We are often asked why we are so strict about uniform. The reason is simple: it is the kindest, most inclusive approach to school. By keeping our uniform rules simple and fair, our most disadvantaged students are not exposed to peer pressure to purchase the latest footwear or jewellery trends. These items cause a distraction from learning and often lead to unkindness.

As we prepare for our new school year, please support your children to be ready to learn for September 2024 so that we can all concentrate on learning.

#### **Incorrect uniform**

Students whose uniform is incorrect will not be allowed in lessons. For 2024-25 there will be no green slips (uniform exemptions), which means notes from families will not be accepted.

Students will be allowed into lessons when:

- The student borrows from our stock of spare uniform.
- The uniform is corrected.
- An adult family member brings in the correct items to school.
- A member of our staff team confiscates any incorrect item. Confiscated items can be collected at the end of the day from reception.

#### **Exceptional circumstances**

Evidence from a healthcare professional must be provided for exceptions to the uniform to be approved. Only a member of the Senior Leadership Team can approve exceptions.

## School Uniform supplier

We have an online uniform supplier called Stevensons. The website address is [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) . Please use the “find your school” facility on the Stevensons website to purchase uniform.

The table below sets out our clear expectations for the academic year 2024-25.

Item	Colour and Design
<b>Main uniform supplier only items</b>	
Blazer	Grey with badge ( <i>supplier only</i> ).
Tie	Light grey and burgundy stripe ( <i>supplier only</i> ).
Jumper (optional additional item)	Burgundy v-neck with school badge ( <i>supplier only</i> ). Only to be worn under the blazer.
<b>Items which can be sourced independently</b>	
Shirt	White shirt with a collar, long or short sleeved.
Trousers	Plain black - Not denim or denim-style jeans & no large flares. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No leggings or very tight trousers.</b></li> <li>• <b>No fashion trousers with decorative buttons, belts or pockets.</b></li> </ul>
Skirt	Black knee-length <b>box</b> pleated skirt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The skirt must not be rolled up.</b></li> </ul>
Shorts	Tailored black trouser shorts, made from suit material. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The shorts must not have cargo style pockets.</b></li> <li>• <b>Only worn with black or white ankle or knee high socks.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Footwear</b>	
Shoes	Plain black polishable shoes with a sensible heel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boots should only be worn under trousers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trainer styled shoes such as Air Force are not allowed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Shoes with high or stiletto heels are not allowed.</b></li> <li>• <b>No flat soled shoes. For example canvas or casual shoes.</b></li> </ul>
Socks	Plain black or white ankle or knee high. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Over the knee or mid-thigh socks are not allowed.</b></li> </ul>
Tights	Plain black or natural – tights are recommended if wearing a skirt.

## PE Uniform

Item	Colour and Design
PE Shirt	Burgundy shirt with school logo ( <i>supplier only</i> ). BTEC Sport Students only in Years 9, 10 & 11 Black shirt with school logo - ( <i>supplier only</i> ).
Black Shorts and Skort	Plain black sports shorts.
Socks	Black or white socks. Long black socks required for fixtures.
PE Zip Top ( <i>optional</i> )	With school logo ( <i>supplier only</i> ). Burgundy for Years 7 & 8 and Core PE in Years 9, 10 & 11. Black for BTEC Sport Students in Years 9, 10 & 11.
Black Tracksuit bottoms/Sport leggings ( <i>optional</i> )	Both tracksuit bottoms and leggings must be plain black. Please ensure that leggings are sport specific and not fashion leggings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leggings are only allowed in PE lessons.</b></li> </ul>

Trainers	For all students black soled trainers cannot be worn in the Activity/Dance Studio or Sports Hall unless "non-marking". Gymnastics is performed in bare feet.
Shin pads and gum shield	

## Jewellery

<b>Permitted jewellery</b>
Maximum of two small pairs of stud earrings
A wrist watch
One single bracelet or band
<b>Non permitted jewellery</b>
Rings
Necklaces
Nose studs
Brow studs
Lip studs
Tongue studs
Eyebrow studs or rings
Any other piercing other than two studs in each ear.
Multiple bracelets or fashion wrist bands
<b>Makeup</b>
False eye lashes must be of a natural look and length
Subtle makeup is allowed i.e. natural looking.

## New piercings

- Students will not be allowed into lessons until the piercing is removed.
- Students who decide to have new body piercings will be expected to have the stud/ring etc removed.
- Clear studs or plasters covering such items will not be permitted as an alternative.

## Top Coats and Sweaters

- Coats should be waterproof and mainly of a plain colour, without excessive patterns or designs.
- Hoodies with a full zip will be allowed as a top coat for 2024 – 25.
- Any other type of hoodie or jumper is not allowed onto our school site and will be confiscated.

## School bag

- Must be able to carry an A4 ringer binder when closed.

## Stationery

Reading book	Pencil case
2 x black pens	2 x pencils
Sharpener	Rubber
Scientific calculator	

Yours sincerely



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