UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Introduction

It is our academy policy that all children wear the Ocean Academy uniform when attending school, or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for our uniform on our website.

https://www.ocean-aspirations.org/parents-information/uniform/

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

• promotes a sense of pride in the school
• engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
• is practical and smart
• identifies the children with the school
• makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
• is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
• is designed with health and safety in mind

3. Uniform

We have been mindful of the government agenda for uniform in how we have cost and sought providers.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms

The academy uniform is:

- A grey blazer, with island blue braiding and the Ocean Academy logo
- A logo or plain, black V neck jumper (NOT sweatshirt material)
- A white long or short sleeved shirt (not polo shirt) and blue clip or full length tie must be worn
- Black trousers or skirt – formal style not tight fitting or fashion/sports styles
- Children may wear black formal shorts
- Blue and white gingham checked dress can be worn in the summer term only
- Blazers must be worn to and from school every day
- Only school approved badges should be worn on lapels of blazers
- Earrings should be one individual stud or a pair of small studs (should not be worn on PE days)
- Hair bands should be one colour, discrete and not be overly decorative.
- Hair colour should be one natural colour and hair styles should not be extreme or have lines / patterns cut into the hair
- Hair below shoulder length needs to be tied up or tied back.
- Tights should be plain black
- Socks can be long or short and should be plain black
- No makeup
- Nails must be natural and not painted. They should be kept short.
- Religious head wear should be plain and a school colour/neutral colour (blue, white, beige, brown or black)
- Skirts must be knee-length or longer

4. School Bags:

- Bags and backpacks should be practical for school use.
- To assist with bag identification, students may attach one small, standard key ring (e.g., a name tag or a single small fob) to the zip or handle. Large attachments, soft toys, or multiple key rings are strictly prohibited.

5. Footwear

- All children should come to school in **black school shoes**
- No boots, platforms, high heels, open toe shoes or trainers (other than for PE) are allowed

● Trainers are to be worn for PE / sports and must be worn for these lessons as a health and safety requirement

6. Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of:

- one single or pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears that can, and must, be removed during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons
- small objects of religious significance that can be removed during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons
- A watch can be worn that can be removed during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. This SHOULD NOT have any phone, camera or recording elements to it
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays to allow healing time. Staff will NOT remove children's earrings and so jewellery should not be worn on PE days or the child MUST be able to remove their own jewellery.

7. PE Kit

- To support our sense of belonging, PE t-shirts will be of the child's assigned house colour: Poole = Red, Weymouth = Blue, Bournemouth = Yellow, Swanage = Green
- The t-shirt should be round necked with no collar or button. The t-shirt should have the Ocean badge on the left hand side
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit may be worn in cold weather
- Trainers are best for games and skills indoors and out
- For gymnastics or dance, pupils will have bare feet
- Hair must be tied back for all PE and games lessons and jewellery and watches removed

8. The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our academy 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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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, 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 on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

ALL UNIFORM SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED

8. The role of governors

Governors will:

- ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities
- ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical
- seek the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- require the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented
- follow statutory guidance from the DFE

We aim to sell or provide second hand or used uniforms at least x 1 per term. The office staff are available to support parents with any uniform issues they may have.

9. Complaints and challenges to school uniform policy

Complaints regarding uniform costs, availability, or discrimination should be raised in accordance with the Academy's standard Complaints Policy, which can be found on our website.