



The Oakwood
Academy

Uniform Policy

October 2026

Overview

We always follow DfE guidance in relation to uniform, the latest of which can be found [here](#).

High Expectations is a core value of our academy and the Redhill Academy Trust and this always includes standards of uniform. We have worked closely with suppliers to ensure that our uniform is high quality and represents value for money.

We have a number of 'branded' items that are embroidered with the school logo, these being blazer, one of trousers / skirt and a PE top. These items provide absolute clarity in relation to what is required and saves issues with misunderstanding and money being spent on items deemed not acceptable. We also have a tie that all students must wear, this is not included as a branded item, in line with DfE guidance.

Other items are available and are entirely optional, these include things such as school jumpers. There is no expectation that these are purchased or worn, these are also often available through the 'pre-loved' offer, where items are available for resale within our school community and we promote this in our communication to families. We very much value donations to this offer and know that many families and friends swap or donate items between themselves. In addition, we provide all compulsory branded items and tie free of charge to families in receipt of free school meals when they start at the school, and we support families who contact us when in genuine need of assistance. We care about our standards and we care about supporting families in helping their children meet them.

In hot weather, we make reasonable adjustments to our uniform and will notify students and parents in advance wherever possible. This **may** include permitting students to not wear a tie and / or blazer. In extreme conditions we may consider further adjustments to uniform, such as the wearing some items of PE kit. These adjustments are made at the discretion of the Headteacher.

School Uniform at the Oakwood Academy

We feel that the wearing of a smart and presentable uniform plays an important part in getting students to take pride in their appearance, their work and their school. It creates a strong identity which we should all be proud of.

We will make you aware in the event of the uniform expectations not being met and appreciate your efforts in resolving any such issues. Students who are not wearing the correct uniform will be asked to borrow items or may be sent home to rectify this. You will always be notified if this should be the case.

All students are required to wear the academy uniform. It is designed to be smart, serviceable and inexpensive. It creates a sense of belonging, and reduces arguments at home.

The wearing of uniform is strictly enforced. However, a few students attempt to bend the rules, and the vast majority of students who do abide by the regulations see this as unfair. We look to our parents to support us by ensuring that their child leaves home wearing the correct uniform.

Basic Uniform

- Grey blazer with school logo (compulsory)
- Plain white shirt with top button fastener (compulsory)
- School tie (house colours) (compulsory)
- School black V-neck jumper with burgundy edge (optional)
- Plain black shoes (compulsory)
- Plain black socks (compulsory)
- Black trousers with Oakwood Academy logo or Oakwood Academy skirt (compulsory)
- Plain black tights (girls) (compulsory)

PE Uniform (boys)

- The Oakwood Academy PE top (black) (compulsory)
- Plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms or Oakwood Academy shorts (compulsory)
- The Oakwood Academy long sleeve ¼ zip (optional)
- Long black socks (compulsory)
- Trainers (compulsory)

PE Uniform (girls)

- The Oakwood Academy PE top (black)
- Plain black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms or Oakwood Academy shorts and/or skirt
- The Oakwood Academy long sleeve ¼ zip (optional)
- Long black socks
- Trainers

*Dependant on activity on Curriculum, students may also be asked to wear shin pads and/or football boots.

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Shoes

School shoes must be plain black, made of a conventional material which can be polished, without coloured logos, tags and soles. Trainer style shoes are not permitted.

Jewellery

Rings or bracelets are not permitted at The Oakwood Academy

No more than the following may be worn:

- One pair of studs in ears only
- One watch
- One discreet nose stud

Hairstyles

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted this includes but is not limited to vivid colours, very short shaved hair, tramlines and patterns.

Make-Up and Nails

Make up should not be seen. False nails or excessively long natural nails and false eyelashes are not permitted at any time and are considered a health and safety issue. Nail varnish is also prohibited.

Headwear

Baseball caps are not permitted to be worn in school or on the school premises.

Sensible headwear may be worn in inclement weather but must not be worn inside the buildings. Headwear worn for religious reasons must be plain black.

Extra Equipment

Students will need a warm winter coat. This must be a plain dark colour i.e dark blue or black. Please note that hoody type jackets or cardigans are not permitted in school. They will need a sturdy school bag in which to carry their books, stationery equipment, and their PE kit.

Mobile Phone Pouch

All students will be lent a mobile phone pouch for the duration of their time at the Oakwood Academy. Students must use their phone pouch to lock their phone away whilst on site. Students who damage or lose their pouch will be expected to purchase a replacement. More information can be found on The Oakwood Academy website.

School Uniform Suppliers

School uniform can be bought directly either from Just Schoolwear in Bulwell or Arnold. Click [here](#) to access their website. Alternatively, uniform can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions. Click [here](#) to access their website.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We always welcome any items of good condition uniform which we can either lend or gift to students. Please drop off any such items at main reception and it will be greatly received.