

4th May 2023

School Uniform Reminders

Dear Parent/Carer

One of the key principles which underlines our expectations for pupils is that all students are expected to show pride in their school through the wearing of the correct uniform. We are fortunate that OPGS students and parents recognise the importance of this principle as an integral part of the school's ethos.

As we head further into Term 5 and on into Term 6, which will hopefully see more seasonable temperatures, we have reminded students of the following expectations regarding school uniform:

- 1) The OPGS school sweater is an optional item of our uniform and should not be worn in place of a blazer.
- 2) Students are expected to travel to school in full school uniform and should arrive to school in full school uniform.
- 3) Hoodies are not permitted in school. As per our uniform expectations students wearing hoodies in school, or during break and lunch will have them confiscated.
- 4) If you need to purchase new school shoes please note that trainer style shoes are not permitted. Shoes should be formal in style. Please see an examples below of trainer style shoes.



- 5) Please also note that for students in Years 7 to 11 earrings, ear studs and jewellery are not permitted, nor the piercing of any part of the body. Students will not be permitted to cover earrings with a plaster and will be asked to remove the earring.
- 6) Students should not have a haircut which is any shorter than a Grade 2 and extremes of colour and cut are not permitted.

Should we experience extremely warm temperatures the Headteacher will inform parents, carers and students of any necessary adjustments to the OPGS uniform.

In the last academic year, we carried out a full audit of our school uniform costs in line with DfE guidance on the cost of school uniform and updated our School Uniform Policy accordingly.

Following an analysis of cost, the school has reviewed its PE kit requirements and will be phasing in a new PE kit which represents better value for money for parents. Full details of this will follow in Term 6. Students will be permitted to continue to wear the existing PE kit until it becomes necessary due to wear and tear or growth spurts to purchase new items.

Finally, please remember that we have an active and involved PA who run pre-loved uniform sales throughout the academic year which can make replacing items which students have outgrown less expensive.

Our Uniform Policy and Dress Code can be found in full on the school website, www.opgs.org

Thank you for your support.

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