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Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

Edna G. Olds Academy is committed to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform
- Committed to developing our pupils' sense of belonging to our academy.

We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. It is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

2. Our Academy's Legal Duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, disability, pregnancy and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our academy will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs 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
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs

- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Miss Shai-Leigh Davies (Assistant Headteacher) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible. Edna G. Olds Academy provide all children in Year 5 and Year 6 with a blazer and tie. Other school logo items such as jumpers, cardigans and t-shirts are optional and non-branded uniform can be purchased from a range of retailers.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the academy's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and thereby minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for Academy Uniform

4.1 Our Academy Uniform

Item	Purchased From	Other Notes
Red sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	
White polo shirt	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	
Smart grey/ black trousers, skirt or smart shorts	Available from any high street shop	
Red and white checked summer dress	Available from any high street shop	
Black smart shoes	Available from any high street shop	No brand logos or coloured shoes
Plain colour summer hat	Plain red summer hat can be purchased from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	No brand logos
PE Kit		
Black plain shorts	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/	

	This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	
Red t-shirt	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	
Red sweatshirt or hoodie	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. Or **plain** from any high street shop	No brand logos. For when weather is colder
Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings	Available from any high street shop	
Trainers/plimsolls	Available from any high street shop	
Book Bag	Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/ This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge. or **plain** from any high street shop	EYFS – Year 3 School Book Bag required Year 4-6 parents may choose to use a school bag/rucksack
Swimming costume/trunks	Swimming costume – one piece Trunks – no shorts allowed	All year groups go swimming during the year
All in one suit	Any colour	If possible, we like Early Years pupils to have an all-weather suit so they can access the outdoor learning environment throughout the year.
Earrings- small stud earrings		Metal, one per ear. For health and safety reasons we cannot permit hoop, or drop earrings

Jewelry		No other jewelry is permitted
Make-up		No make-up, including nail varnish is permitted
Hairstyle		Long hair on girls and boys should be tied back. Hair should be its natural colour, this means no colouring or dying of hair.

Parents are asked to mark all their children's clothing and other belongings with their name.

4.2 Where to purchase uniform

Uniform can be purchased with the school logo on from the following link: https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/school/edna-g-olds-academy/

This can be delivered to school free of charge or to your home address with a charge.

- . There is NO expectation that the uniform is purchased from the academy or that it has to have the logo.
- Each half- term, we will offer second hand uniform for a small fee. Any uniform that is of good quality, that parents wish to donate, would be gratefully received.

5. Expectations for our Academy Community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Miss Shai-Leigh Davies (Assistant Headteacher), if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact Miss Shai- Leigh Davie (Assistant Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our academy complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by requesting the parent/carer brings in the correct uniform. If this is not followed, the academy will lend the pupil the correct item of clothing to wear for that day.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or sooner if legislation changes.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy