



Oasis Academy Short Heath Uniform Policy

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Introduction

Oasis Academy Short Heath require all students to wear uniform without exception. A uniform helps to give unity and identification to an Academy; it can make less obvious the different financial circumstances of parents and is a protection for both parents and students from the temptations of temporary extremes of fashion.

The uniform is compulsory and available for purchase from the Academy. Parents/Carers must ensure their son/daughter dresses according to the uniform list.

Medical conditions are the only acceptable reasons why a student will be allowed to wear a deviation from our uniform policy for an extended period of time. Any deviation from the uniform policy requires communication from home explaining the reason and a timeline for it to be rectified.

The Academy will maintain a small stock of clean spare uniform for students to borrow if required and we have second hand uniform available to parents. This can be accessed through our HUB lead Pam Atwal.

Why do we have uniform?

We recognise the value of having academy uniforms for the following reasons:

- **Inclusion** – uniforms promote our belief of inclusion for all
- **A sense of belonging** – the uniform promotes a sense of belonging in each student, academy and the Trust
- **Safety** – if all the students in our Trust wear a clearly recognisable, correctly branded uniform it is easy to identify strangers in the academy. On the way to and from the academy it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other
- **Preparation for the future** – many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. Uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them know the difference between formal and informal dress
- **Value for money** – good quality uniform should be seen as effective value for money by most parents / carers
- **Relieves students from fashion 'stress'** – a localised academy uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive, fashionable items
- **A sense of pride** – we all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in the uniform. Uniform and PE/sport kits also help students to demonstrate pride in their academy
- **Helps raise aspirations** – the smarter you feel the more you believe you can achieve

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It is the policy of the Academy that all pupils wear the official Academy uniform and follow the expectations regarding appearance. We expect our pupils to wear the full Academy uniform with pride. We are preparing pupils for Secondary school and the world of work and we must all appreciate that standards of dress and appearance are important.

Uniform is not intended to be a fashion statement and the wearing of correct, full uniform is not negotiable. All uniform should be clearly and indelibly named. Pupils are permitted to wear their PE kit on days that they have a practical PE lesson.

Below is a list of all compulsory and optional uniform for pupils. Some uniform is branded and must be purchased from the Academy. All other items are non branded and can be purchased from a shop of your choice.

Uniform requirements

Nursery Uniform

Item	Is this a branded item?	Optional or required?	All year or seasonal?
Blue sweatshirt/cardigan	Yes	Required	All year
Black jogging bottoms	No	Required	All year
White t-shirt	No	Required	All year

Primary Uniform

Item	Is this a branded item?	Optional or required?	All year or seasonal?
White polo shirt	Optional	Required	All year
Reception to Year 5 Blue sweatshirt/cardigan	Yes	Required	All year
Year 6 - Black sweatshirt/cardigan	Yes	Required	All year
Black shorts, trousers or skirts	No	Required	All year
Black socks for boys	No	Optional	All year
Black tights or white socks for girls	No	Required	All year
Smart black shoes	No	Required	All year
Blue and white checked dresses can	No	Optional	Seasonal

be worn in the summer			
School book bag	Yes	Required	All year
Blue, black or white headscarves can be worn.	No	Required	All year

Primary PE Kit

Item	Is this a branded item?	Optional or required?	All year or seasonal?
White t shirt	No	Required	All year
Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms	No	Required	All year
Sports footwear	No	Required	All year
Dark jumper	Optional	Optional	Seasonal

Jewellery and Personal Belongings

Stud earrings and watches are the only permitted jewellery on site. Pupils wearing any other items, such as hoop or long earrings, rings, or bracelets will be asked to remove them. We have the following expectations when it comes to personal appearances at school.

- *Only natural hair colours, no extreme colours*
- *No tramlines in hair or eyebrows*
- *No facial or other piercings*
- *No henna or artificial tattoos/body ink*
- *No artificial/false nails or gel nails/gel colours*
- *No nail varnish*

Please do not send you children to the academy with personal belongings other than those required for study. The school accepts no responsibility for lost items

For safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for all PE activities and long hair should be tied up. If students are unable to remove jewellery, it should be covered with tape. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Pupils are expected to come into school on PE days dressed in their PE kit.

Uniform costs and support

The Academy takes the cost of the uniform seriously, and works hard to ensure that those items that are required can be purchased for a reasonable price that provides good value.

If any parents are concerned about the cost of uniform items, please contact the **Hub** so we can explore what support is available.

iPads

Pupils are issued with an iPad when they join the Academy. These form an integral part of their learning in the classroom and at home. Students will access their homework, classwork, and revision resources through their iPad, and they will be directed on which apps to download from the Oasis app store in order to access everything they need. It is therefore essential that students bring their iPad, fully charged, daily to the Academy. Pupils will not have the opportunity to charge iPads at school and so this must be done at home, we recommend overnight.