



Orchard Park High School

Uniform Policy

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Orchard Park High School - Uniform Statement

Orchard Park High school requires students to wear a school uniform. We believe that a school uniform provides a sense of belonging and identity whilst setting an appropriate tone for an education setting.

In developing our school uniform we have carefully considered what is required practically for classroom lessons or for sport, safeguarding and health and safety considerations, our obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and the [DfE statutory guidance](#) on school uniforms.

In line with government guidance and legislation, we have ensured that our uniform policy:

1. Limits the number of branded items to no more than 4 items, these are:

- Blazer
- Trousers/Shorts/Skirt
- Tie
- Jumper

2. Adheres to the requirement to run tendering competitions for single-supplier arrangements to ensure best value for parents;

The DfE Guidance and GLT Procurement Policy requires a tender process to be run at least every 5 years. To manage this, all contracts are tracked on the Trusts contracts register, which is available on the F&P Intranet Site. The GLT Procurement team can support the procurement process, should one be required for your school.

3. Avoids single supplier contracts for non-branded items. Non branded items can be purchased from a range of retailers but must comply with our uniform requirements;
4. Supports the use of **pre-loved and second-hand items**, which are available through our **uniform second-hand uniform**;

Preloved uniform is available to buy from the school for a very small donation (we can also provide it free of charge where there is a need to). Please contact Ms Ruby at cruby@orchardparkhigh.net with your requirements and she will respond.

We firmly believe that the cost of school uniform, including school shoes, should not be a barrier to your child's education. If any of our families are experiencing particular hardships, then please contact Ms C Ruby through the school's main office, and we will do all we can to support.

5. Avoids frequent or unnecessary changes to uniform to support affordability and sustainability, and takes into account the views of children and parents.

Complaints about our school uniform should be dealt with under the school complaints policy which can be found on our school website