



ORMISTON  
SIX VILLAGES  
ACADEMY



# UNIFORM DRESS CODE & EXPECTATIONS

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## Uniform Dress Code & Expectations

We are very proud of our uniform and have high expectations of our students in terms of standards of appearance. The Academy recognises that creativity and individuality are important to a young person, but that they should be expressed by students through the curriculum they follow and extra-curricular pursuits, rather than through personal appearance.

If students look smart, it creates a positive and professional atmosphere in school and leads to fewer distractions. It also conveys a positive image of our school in the community, fostering a sense of pride and belonging. Therefore, the following dress code applies to all students, without exception.

If you are in any doubt about any aspect of our school uniform, please contact the Academy before purchasing.

### Footwear

We expect all students to wear smart, black, leather looking, formal shoes (no trainers, flip flops or boots and no motifs) which are appropriate for a working environment. For safety reasons, high or raised heels or platform soles are not acceptable. Suitable shoes, with Velcro fastenings are also acceptable.

### Skirts

Skirts should be from JW Sports in Bognor Regis, the brand required is Banner. They **must not be tight or stretch material** which is considered inappropriate for school. A good guidance for skirt length is that if your child kneels, the skirt should touch the floor. The skirt must not be rolled up.

### Trousers

Trousers are to be plain black, tailored and business-style. They must be full length (i.e. socks not visible) and not denim, brushed cotton, stretch material or chinos. Students wearing trousers that are considered unduly tight or short will be asked to replace them.

### Belts

If a belt is worn, it must be plain black.

### Sock and tights

Students must wear plain black socks with their school uniform. White socks, that are also worn for PE lessons are not acceptable.

Tights, if worn, must be plain black or natural. Patterned or fashion tights are not permitted.

## **Shirt**

Shirts must be a tailored, plain, button-up, full or half-sleeve white shirt. The shirt must have a collar and top button. The sleeves of the shirt should be rolled down.

Blouses are not permitted. Undergarments i.e. vests, bras should not be visible under the shirt.

## **Coats/Jackets**

Students are permitted to wear an outdoor coat over their blazer to travel to and from school. (No other outerwear except, blazer, jumper and coat will be allowed). Hoodies are strictly prohibited. The coat must not be worn instead of the blazer.

## **Blazers**

Blazers should be worn at all times of the Academy day, unless otherwise stated by the Principal, permission is granted by a class teacher or during break or lunchtime activity i.e. playing sport. Students must always have their blazers with them at school.

## **Jumpers**

The jumper is an optional item of school uniform, which can be worn under, but not instead of, the blazer. It must not be tucked into the school skirt or trousers.

## **Ties**

Ties should be worn at all times, at full length, with the logo showing at the front, just below the knot and the top of the shirt button done up.

## **Make-Up**

Make up of any kind is prohibited for students in Year 7 and 8.

For students in Year 9-11, make-up must be natural and subtle.

False nails, acrylics or coloured nail varnish must not be worn. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make-up or nail varnish before they attend lessons.

Students wearing false nails or acrylics will not be permitted to attend timetabled lessons until they are removed.

## **Jewellery**

No jewellery is permitted except:

- One wrist watch.
- One plain gold or silver stud in each earlobe.

Rings, bracelets, chains, necklaces, charity bands, bangles, beads and anklets are not permitted.

Piercings in the upper ear, tragus are prohibited, as are bars and earrings that stretch the earlobes.

Piercings in any other part of the head or face (i.e. nose, lip, tongue, and eyebrow) are also not permitted.

Recent piercings, covered by tape or plasters, will not be permitted and must be removed before attending timetabled lessons. With this in mind, parents are advised, if they are considering additional piercings for their children, to do so over the summer holiday period, allowing time for the piercing to establish so that jewellery can be removed for school.

## **Hair**

It is our policy to expect any student's hair to be of a reasonable, natural length and appearance. No extreme haircuts, unnatural colours or obviously dyed hair. A good guide for parents is to consider whether your child could naturally grow, during childhood, the colour of hair one might plan to dye it.

We do not permit patterns, tramlines or lines shaved into the head. The minimum grade for hair length shaven head is grade 1.

The only hair accessories are to be of a natural appearance, for example a simple hair slide only, with no embellishments e.g. flowers.

## **Bag**

Bags should be of a minimum size, such that an A4 folder could be accommodated within the bag (not a handbag).

## **Non-compliance**

Like all other schools in this area, we insist on students wearing the full uniform. There may be certain times, when, for very good reasons, a student cannot attend in uniform. In these circumstances students will be loaned new or freshly laundered items of correct uniform, e.g. an appropriate skirt, pair of tailored trousers, blazer or a jumper with the embroidered badge on it, or tailored shirt. If incorrect footwear is worn, students will be loaned black plimsolls to wear, unless a note from a parent is provided, explaining why the regulation footwear cannot be worn. For extended periods of time, lasting longer than 1 week, a note from a doctor will be required to excuse a student from following the Academy rules relating to footwear.

Students who do not comply with the dress code and do not agree to wear the loaned uniform, will not be permitted to timetabled lessons, until the issue is suitably rectified. In some cases it may become necessary for a parent to collect a student following repeated breaches of the dress code.

## **Confiscation**

In accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidance which can be found at the link below the Academy may on occasions confiscate items of contraband uniform or jewellery.

Should this situation arise, the following procedure will be followed:

**First occasion:** The item will be retained by the Academy until the end of the school day, after which the student can collect it from the member of staff or Director of Learning Office.

**Second and each subsequent occasion:** The item will be retained by the Academy until it can be collected, by formal appointment, by a parent/carer. Parents are asked not to arrive to the Academy without an appointment to collect confiscated items.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/554415/searching\\_screening\\_confiscation\\_advice\\_Sept\\_2016.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/554415/searching_screening_confiscation_advice_Sept_2016.pdf)

## **Religious Observance**

If parents have strong religious or ethnic reasons for believing that their child should not be bound by any aspect of the dress code, they should discuss this with the Principal. Please see photographs giving examples of the appropriate way to wear the Academy uniform, and guidance on what is acceptable and unacceptable. Please contact the Academy [office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) if you require further guidance on the correct way to wear the uniform.

<p><b>Daily <u>Compulsory</u> Uniform for all students from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy blue blazer with Six Villages embroidered badge</li><li>• Tailored, plain, button-up, full or half-sleeve white shirt</li></ul>
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- Community colour striped standard tie with logo
- Smart, black, leather looking, formal shoes

Skirt Uniform	Trouser Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knee length, plain black, Banner skirt from JW Sport in Bognor Regis.</li> <li>• Black or natural tights or black socks only.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain black, tailored and business style. They must be full length</li> <li>• Black socks only</li> </ul>
Please see our preferred supplier for our recommended skirt and trousers	

### KS3 Compulsory Kit

- Navy blue Tech Fit round necked sports top with OSVA badge
- Navy blue OSVA branded shorts/OSVA branded sports legging (GIRLS ONLY)
- Navy blue OSVA branded games socks/white tennis (or ankle) socks (non-specific)
- Navy blue OSVA branded Tech Fit Midlayer
- Navy blue OSVA branded games jersey (BOYS ONLY)

### KS3 Non Compulsory

- Navy blue OSVA branded waterproof jacket

### KS4 optional PE kit

- Navy blue, round neck, Tech fit, Nike OSVA branded sports top

Pending curriculum focus the items below can be bought at a later date and parents/carers will be advised by the PE department.

- Mouth Guard – for Rugby and Hockey
- Shin Pads – for Rugby and Hockey
- Football boots – for Football and Rugby

### Optional Uniform

- Apron for Food Technology
- V-neck navy blue jumper with embroidered badge and appropriate community colour V-neck

*\* NB: for hygiene purposes, Academy jumpers will NOT be permitted to be worn during PE lessons.*

Uniform Supplier:

#### JW Sports

55 High St

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Examples of acceptable styles of footwear



Examples of unacceptable styles of footwear

