



# Ordsall Primary School

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Play, Learn and Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Uniform and Expectations

At Ordsall Primary School, we believe that wearing a school uniform helps build a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging. Just as many professionals wear a uniform to represent who they are and where they work, our school uniform shows that we are part of a community that plays, learns and grows together every day.

Our uniform expectations ensure that children are dressed safely, appropriately and ready to learn. Uniform items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers, including supermarkets and charity shops, and do not need to feature the school logo.

### Our required everyday uniform is:

- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Dark coloured trousers, shorts or skirt
- Dark coloured shoes
- Optional: red gingham dress in warmer months
- Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

### PE kit for PE days:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black, blue or grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Black, blue or grey sweatshirt or hoodie (no teamwear or large logos)
- Socks and trainers.

### Jewellery and personal appearance:

For safety reasons, we operate a simple rule:

- One pair of stud earrings
- One item around the wrist, e.g. a bracelet or watch (no smart watches)
- All jewellery must be removed for PE.

### Make-up and Nails

To ensure safety, hygiene and age-appropriate expectations:

- Children must not wear make-up to school.
- Fake nails, acrylic nails, gel nails or nail extensions must not be worn.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- Rings should not be worn in school.

These items pose significant risks during play and PE, can cause avoidable injuries, and make everyday school activities – such as writing, using equipment or joining in practical lessons – unnecessarily difficult.

I completely respect that families make their own choices at home. In school, though, we have to ensure safety and consistency for all pupils. Items like acrylic nails and make-up pose risks during play and PE, and they can create pressure or distraction for other children. Our expectations are based on health and safety, fairness and DfE guidance, not on personal opinion.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all children come to school in the correct uniform and in line with these expectations so they are ready to play, learn and grow together every day.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karl Hopkinson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hopkinson', written over a horizontal line.

Headteacher