



This Statement has been adopted and approved by Oxlip Learning Partnership and is to be used by all members of the Trust.

School Uniform – TRUST STATEMENT	
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Definition of a Parent

For the purposes of education law, section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines ‘parent’ as:

- all natural (biological) parents, whether married or not;
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for the child or young person (this could be a step-parent, guardian or other relative);
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

A person has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.

Introduction

At Oxlip Learning Partnership we require all pupils and students to wear a school uniform. We believe that a school uniform helps learners to feel part of our school community and, while each academy has its own design, they are chosen to be comfortable and appropriate for the activities learners will undertake during the school day.

Principles

Each policy will comply with the Department for Education’s statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. The Trust fully supports this ambition and is firmly committed to ensuring that we offer the best value for money to parents and ensuring it is accessible for all. The Trust expects that, when reviewing school uniform policy, ensuring the cost of uniform (which includes PE kit and any specific items for extra-curricular clubs) is affordable to all parents will be at the forefront of considerations.

The Trust’s vision should be reflected in the school uniform policy by making inclusion a focus and preventing discrimination.

The policy should make it clear how academies ensure there are systems in place for collecting, and making available, second-hand uniform. This process will be shared and publicised with parents.

Each academy will make their school uniform policy available on their website.