



Uniform Expectations

Taken from OHS School Handbook:

“The Education Committee recommended at its meeting of 21 August 1997 that - ‘the adoption of a distinctive dress code chosen to enhance the ethos of the school should be encouraged in all schools’. Given that there is substantial parental and public approval of uniform, schools in Argyll and Bute are free to encourage the wearing of school uniform.”

Oban High School’s uniform guidance was created following consultation with pupils, parents and staff, and has been in place since 2009, with minor adaptations made along the way, following discussions with pupil representatives. The most recent consultation was March 2022. We promote fairness and equality, which is why we expect pupils attending Oban High School to all wear the same uniform. The uniform is simple and inexpensive, which ensures all pupils who attend are able adhere to the uniform guidance. We understand that some families do struggle financially and we have help available for those who need it.

By following this dress code we are able to promote equity, we can promote the notion of taking pride in one’s appearance, we can build on the whole school identity and we can help prepare youngsters for life and work. Many of us have to wear a prescribed uniform or dress code in life; but it is equally important to learn about adhering to the rules of whatever workplace we find ourselves in. This is part of the wider educational experience we provide.

In Oban High School, our uniform for both boys and girls is as follows:

- Standard plain white shirt and school tie (no plunging/low necklines)
- Black trousers
- Black skirt with black tights or knee-length skirt without tights
- Black formal shorts with black socks.
- Plain black shoes or trainers
- A plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan (optional)
- School Blazer (optional)

Hoodies are considered outdoor clothing and must be removed in class

The following should not be worn to school;

- No coloured shoes or trainers (including white markings)
- No coloured jeans
- No jogging trousers, tracksuit bottoms, etc.
- No jeggings, sports leggings, etc.



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Physical Education

Pupils who have Physical Education in the morning should NOT report to school in their PE Kit - they should be in School Uniform and change when they have their PE lesson. Over lunchtime all pupils should be in their School Uniform and not remain in PE kit.

Support

If any pupil is not wearing appropriate school uniform, their Guidance teacher or Clan DHT will offer them advice and support as to the school's expectations. Contact will be made with parents/carers notifying them of this.

If there are three occasions where a pupil is not in their school uniform their Guidance Teacher will make contact with parents/carers to request a meeting. The school has replacement uniform items that pupils can wear.

If you have any issues with the school uniform guidance please contact your child's Guidance Teacher to discuss.

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Clothing Grants

You may be able to get financial help with your child's school clothing and shoes. This help is called a 'school clothing grant'. You apply to Argyll and Bute Council:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

We will also provide confidential, financial support to those unable to afford school uniform.