

21 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter the final few days of this academic year, I want us all to maintain the high standards we've had for behaviour and uniform. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. A smart uniform improves discipline, self-esteem and self-respect.

Uniform focuses attention upon learning and away from distractions. It also helps prepare students for life after school, where many will have to dress smartly for work. Please continue to support us in ensuring that your child wears their uniform appropriately and in its entirety, so that all students have a sense of belonging and pride in their appearance.

To plan for September's return, I want to explain the options available for school skirts and trousers that are appropriate for students to wear at Outwood Grange Academy.

Skirts

- must be plain black, box pleat;
- must be a minimum of 18" in length and the recommended length is 20";
- other styles and fit of skirt including tight-fitting, tube skirts are not acceptable;
- must not be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights;
- must not be rolled over at the top.

Some examples of appropriate skirts are below:

- Asda pleated skirt £8: [Girls Black Permanent Pleats School Skirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)
- Sainsbury's Tu pleated skirt £7: <https://tucllothing.sainsburys.co.uk/product/tuc133618023>
- Trutex pleated skirt £13.60: [Senior Pleated Stain Resistant School Skirt \(10-16+ Years\)](#)

Trousers

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style;
- must not be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric.
- They should not have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts;
- jeans, flares, cargo, bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are not acceptable.

Some examples of appropriate trousers are below:

- Asda trousers £8: [Boys Black Regular Leg School Trousers 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)
- Sainsbury's Tu trousers £9: [Buy Black Trousers 2 Pack - 10 years](#)
- Trutex trousers £14.40: [Senior Boys' Sturdy Fit Stain Resistant School Trousers Black \(11-16+ Years\)](#)

We continue to offer our 'uniform bundle' to all Year 7 students and these will contain an appropriate skirt. If you wish to buy additional skirts, please see the links above.

Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact your child's Learning Manager. If you are unsure about a garment's suitability, we advise you not to remove any tags/labels and retain your receipt until the item has been checked by a colleague in school. The Principal will retain the final decision.

Trutex and our approved local uniform suppliers will continue to sell logoed trousers and skirts. You may wish to consider them when purchasing non-logoed school trousers and skirts. Trutex will also continue to offer their Pre-Loved uniform initiative. More details can be found by visiting www.Trutex.com and using the school code LEA00980SC.

Families experiencing difficulties in paying for uniform and school shoes may wish to make an application to the school's discretionary Hardship Fund, available to all registered full-time school students. Please speak to your child's Learning Manager or find further information [here](#).

We welcome your support in ensuring that your child continues to wear the correct uniform as specified above.

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Woods
Vice Principal

