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### 23/08/2025

Re: Preparation for the new school year.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are well and have had the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with your family. As I explained in my recent <u>vodcast</u> I am delighted to be the new Headteacher of Oldbury Wells and very much look forward to working with the whole school community. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome I have received so far.

Upon our return to school, I intend to conduct a series of informal Headteacher Clinics, where we can meet face-to-face to share ideas, discuss any concerns, and work together to support our students. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and I am keen to hear your thoughts on how we can continue to grow as a school community. By working together, I know that Oldbury Wells can go from strength to strength, becoming a beacon of excellence. More information on the clinics will be available shortly.

As the summer holiday draws to a close, I know that many families will be preparing for the new academic year by purchasing school uniform and footwear. Please could I ask you to take the time to read the attached guidance, it is intended to support those preparations by reaffirming the expectations set by Oldbury Wells School. These have been communicated to learners prior to the break, shared with parents/carers through formal channels and are accessible through our school website.

Our uniform is important, it is designed to promote a sense of pride, equality, unity and readiness for learning. As a school, we ask for your support in ensuring that all students return to Oldbury Wells in full compliance with these standards. By working together, we can maintain the high expectations that underpin an excellent school community.

If you have any questions in relation to uniform, please do not hesitate to contact <a href="mailto:school@oldburywells.com">school@oldburywells.com</a>

Yours sincerely,

Adam Walker Headteacher



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# Oldbury Wells Uniform Code. Uniform & Shoes

- Full school uniform including the blazer (with school logo) must always be worn in all areas of the school (with permission, learners are allowed to take off their blazer in lessons). In warmer weather, learners are permitted to carry their blazer around school.
- Learners must only wear flat/pleated (boys) or plain (girls) mid-grey tailored trousers or Trutex (GST) Gisburn Tartan Skirts. Trousers should be tailored (not stretch) and full length, reaching the bottom of the ankles. They should have some give around the ankles for comfort. Piping on trousers is not permitted. Leggings, denim and jeans are also not permitted.
- If a learner wears the Trutex (GST) Gisburn Tartan Skirt it must be only 2 inches above the top of the knee at all times including when walking (it is unacceptable for the skirt only to be the correct length if the learner pulls it down).
- A white shirt and lower/upper school tie showing at least 5 stripes.
- Black, grey or white socks. Tights grey, black or natural colour only.
- Learners are to wear formal, smart, black leather 'polishable' or patent shoes.
   Learners are not permitted to wear trainers or other canvas footwear. This includes black trainers including those without markings. School shoes should have no visible branding (whether the branding is a different colour or black) including Nike 'ticks' or sporting logos.
- Boots are not acceptable (a boot is defined as anything that touches or comes above the ankle bone)





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### **Optional Items:**

Cardigan, grey with school logo. Unisex sweater, grey with school logo. Unisex slipover, grey with school logo.

#### **Jewellery and Accessories**

- Jewellery is limited to one small plain metal stud in each ear lobe; no facial
  piercings are permitted e.g. nose studs. Stretcher style piercings are not permitted
  in any circumstances.
  - Jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons. If jewellery is worn for medical reasons, suitable medical evidence identifying the reasons for this must be provided to the school.
- As stated in the previous bullet point, it is important to note that nose rings, studs
  or clear articles of jewellery which affix the nose or face are not permitted under
  any circumstances. This includes 'retainers'.
- Only natural hair dyes are permitted this also includes hair extensions or braids. Hair should be no shorter than grade 1 and no design lines/patterns are allowed.
- Nail Varnish should be of a clear or pale colour but no nail extensions, acrylic or shellac varnish are permitted. False nails are also not permitted. Students may be asked to remove any inappropriate colours.
- False eyelashes are not permitted as part of the school uniform policy.
- A plain black head covering (for religious purposes) is permitted, however, additional close-fitting cloths such as durags/bandanas/sports head wear/over-sized hair accessories are not allowed to be worn on school site.

#### PE Kit (Girls)

PE T-shirt with school logo
Black PE skort or shorts
Purple knee length PE socks
Black trainer socks
Also required are trainers, football boots, shin guards and a gum shield

#### PE Kit (Boys)

PE T-shirt with logo
Black Rugby/football top
Black PE shorts
Long black socks with white top
Black trainer socks
Also required are trainers, football boots, shin guards and a gum shield

### **Optional Items:**

Training top with school logo (boys & girls) Black Leggings (no logos/brands) (girls)



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- If learners are injured or unable to take part in PE, it is expected that they bring a
  note from home along with their Oldbury Wells PE Kit.
- This will ensure they are changed out of their school uniform and then actively involved in the lesson via a number of different roles. Your child's PE teacher will reinforce this expectation upon their return in September.

## Attitude to learning and technology/mobile phones.

- Oldbury Wells expects the highest standards of our learners, in terms of their attitude to learning; each other; our staff and the pride which they show in wearing the school's uniform.
- Mobile phones/IPADs/IPODs/MP3/4 players and headphones\* cannot be used at any time on the school site. They will be confiscated if seen. Smart watches may be used but their functionality at school must be limited to reading the time.
   \*NB apart from when requested in music lessons.

## **Uniform providers:**

LADS AND LASSES SCHOOLWEAR	
157 Victoria Road, Bridgnorth (formally Bristows)	<b>Tel</b> : 01746 761701
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4 Billbrook Road, Codsall	Codsall@ladsandlasses.uk
	Website: www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk
RON FLOWER SPORTS	
28 Queen Street,	Tel: 01902 429490
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STITCHES OF BRIDGNORTH	
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