

Old Earth School

"A happy school where all are motivated and feel safe to thrive."

Old Earth School uniform policy consultation (January 2023 – March 2023).

Dear Parent/Carer

We are in the process of updating our school uniform policy so that it is compliant with the guidance from the Dfe.

We have posted a draft policy on the school website in the "Uniform" section.

The school does not have a contract with any preferred uniform supplier. However, there are two suppliers who stock Old Earth uniform and we signpost via the school website. Parents/carers can purchase uniform from other suppliers if they wish.

As part of our work to develop the policy we are looking at the cost of school uniform and are currently contacting other local uniform suppliers to see if they stock Old Earth uniform or if they would be prepared to stock it. We will provide all this information to you as the consultation runs and once we have finalised our policy.

As part of the consultation we are also asking parents/carers, teachers, governors and children for their views on dress for Physical Education (PE).

Throughout the Covid19 period we asked children to come to school in PE kit on their PE days. We recently reverted back to asking Key Stage 2 children to bring their PE kit and they currently get changed before and after sessions in school. The reasons for this was the notable the variability in dress for some children in Key Stage 2 and because we had concerns about pupils spending all day in PE kit all day on cold and wet days.

Like the vast majority of primary schools we do not have purpose built changing facilities. We have also noted that we have lost lesson time as teachers have to reorganise child groupings to facilitate changing.

We are asking for your views on this and whether you would support children coming to school wearing adapted uniform on PE days. We would also like to know if you would support the introduction of an optional PE hooded top that children could wear on PE days only.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the google form and let us know your views. The link will remain available via the school website until the consultation closes at midday on Friday 3rd March 2023.

 $\underline{https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY02aeJ4jbliUrRbMYUB1Ahymzl2Dq5m_SjH7HQiYcCTFj4g/viewform?usp=sf_link}$

Yours sincerely

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