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### Changes to School Uniform from September 2026

From September 2026, Old Basford School would like to change to an Active Uniform for all pupils every day.

An active uniform is a school uniform designed for comfort and flexibility, allowing children to move, play, and be physically active throughout the entire school day, rather than being restricted by traditional, formal attire.

The OBS Active Uniform would consist of:

- Black joggers/legging/PE shorts/PE Skort
- White polo t-shirt
- OBS jumper or cardigan (we are also looking into the cost of an OBS fleece)
- Plain black trainers

This would be the uniform for every child every day – Class 1 – 14 (Foundation 2 – Year 6). There would be no PE uniform and school uniform.

In October 2025, the Department for Education published guidance on the cost of school uniform ([Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](#)) and as a leadership team, we strongly believe that making this change will also support this guidance as:

- Only 1 item of logoed school clothing
- All items (apart from a jumper/cardigan) are available from multiple stockists including supermarkets
- There will be no need for 2 different sets of uniforms/shoes
- There are no branded items of clothing needed to support affordability

### Why make the change?

Research shows that physical activity is directly linked to better learning, focus, and overall wellbeing. But many school uniforms are not designed with movement in mind, making it difficult for children to fully engage in play and physical activities.

Old Basford School's active uniform would also be:

- Inclusive to all pupils including those with sensory needs and/or special educational needs
- Non-gender specific
- Unrestrictive



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### Benefits:

- Children can move freely all day.
- Children can participate in spontaneous active play and sport
- Children can concentrate better because they feel comfortable.
- Children can feel included in affordable and practical clothing.

As an OPAL play school, we support the 'Made to Move' campaign [Made to Move](#). The campaign's vision is for every UK primary school to adopt a uniform that enables children to move, play and learn all day. There are a number of additional organisations that support this change:

- [Always Active Uniform - Youth Sport Trust](#)
- [Active uniforms - Active Uniform Alliance](#)
- [Play England backs new 'Made to Move' campaign on active school uniforms — Play England](#)
- [Time to rethink the school uniform | Sport England](#)

The change to an active school uniform would be **compulsory from September 2026**, however to ensure no parent buys new uniform that will not be needed in September, pupils can choose to wear our new active uniform from April (after the Easter break) if they wish.

During assembly today, I shared the change with the children including the reasons behind the choices and all children were given an opportunity to share their views, some of which included:

- *'I'm really excited by the change'*
- *'It will be more comfortable and I will be able to climb easier'*
- *'I can be more active'*
- *'Can we have a sports top?'* – I have explained that we are looking at different options including prices for alternatives to the OBS school jumper/cardigan

*'Can we have a different colour t-shirt?'* – I have explained that we have looked at different colours but they cost more and are not as easily available, so for now we will remain with white polo t-shirts.

We would like to hear your feedback regarding these proposed changes, alongside any questions you might have.

Please use the link for this: <https://forms.gle/J1cd6JMLjujt4kg6>

