



School Uniform Policy

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Aims of the policy is to:

- Enable all children to have a sense of belonging to our school and help them to identify themselves as part of a wider community.
- Enable easy recognition of pupils on day visits and trips.
- Ensure that the uniform chosen is easily available from a number of retail stores and is comfortable to wear as well as practical and affordable.
- Encourages pupils to take pride in their appearance.
- Be sensitive to needs of different cultures, sex, race, religions or beliefs and gender reassignment,
- Ensure uniform listed is not based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Have regard to the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- The Governing Body is responsible for deciding whether the school should have a uniform policy and if so, what it should consist of.
- The Governing Body will avoid frequent changes to uniform requirements and minimise the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes.
- The Governing Body will consult with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform and carefully consider any complaints about this policy.
- The Headteacher's role is to ensure pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.
- The Headteacher will take a mindful and considerate approach where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy and will engage with the parents/carers to find a resolution to the situation.
- The parents/carer's role is to ensure that children come to school appropriately dressed and with all items clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Parent/Carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform or dress codes with the Governing Body via the Headteacher, following the school's complaints policy.

The Uniform:

All Children should wear:

- Sensible black shoes, suitable for running around in (not boots or open-toed sandals).
- Socks and Tights: Black, White or Grey.
- Warm (preferably waterproof) coat/jacket.
- Charcoal Grey/Black trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore dress.
- White polo shirt.
- Royal Blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt.



- (Optional) Blue and white gingham dress, playsuit or shorts/skorts and white polo shirt.
- Blue, white or black shorts can be worn underneath summer dresses.
- Navy Blue Book bag.
- Sun hats are encouraged in hot weather

By offering families the choice between branded and unbranded school uniform, where unbranded uniform is chosen, we ask parents/carers to purchase the same colours as branded uniform, for example Royal Blue Jumpers, Cardigans and Sweatshirts.

Purchase of uniform:

- Branded uniform (preferred but non-compulsory) can be purchased from the “Wear 2 School” school in North Street, Leighton Buzzard.
- Non-Branded uniform can be purchased from high street shops and supermarkets.

All children will need PE Kits consisting of:

- Plimsolls/Trainers
- House colour T-shirt, (Dragonflies – Blue, Wasps – Yellow, Grasshoppers - Green, Ladybirds – Red)
- Black Shorts
- (Optional) tracksuit tops and or bottoms (in cold weather)
- Drawstring bag for PE kit

Jewellery:

With the following exceptions, jewellery is not permitted and must not be worn in school:

- A single pair of stud earrings;
- A watch (analogue) digital or simple pedometer type, no smart watches)

The School accepts no responsibility for loss or damage if such items are worn. It is a safety requirement that earrings and watches are removed for PE Lessons. If the pupil is unable to remove their own earrings, they should be removed at home on PE days or covered with tape.

Hair Styles:

Pupils may style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school that makes them feel most comfortable, however for safety reasons in practical lessons, it is preferred for all hair that is shoulder length or longer to be tied back. Wide headbands, decorative headscarves and other accessories should not be worn, unless for religious purposes. Alice bands should be preferably colour coded to match Royal Blue in keeping with our uniform colours.

Lost items of uniform:

Should your child lose their school uniform, in the first instance check with the class teacher that it has not been left in the classroom. Lost property is kept in the main reception area, where you can request to look for lost items.

Periodically the lost property is emptied and parents are invited into school to look for any lost items before a planned disposal takes place. Any items that have not been claimed will be disposed of.