

Uniform Policy



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Led by: Headteacher & Behaviour Lead (DHT)

Responsible Committee: Curriculum & Pupils Committee

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive, identifying the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense of both community and diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents.

In line with statutory guidance, the school aims to ensure that uniform is affordable for all families. We keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and parents may purchase non-branded alternatives from a range of retailers.

Uniform

All children (Nursery – Year 6) should wear:

- A dark green cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece (items with logo can be purchased online/from school office)
- White or dark green polo t-shirt, shirt or blouse (items with logo can be purchased online/from school office).
- Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts.
- Green/white or gold/white gingham dress.
- Grey, black or dark green tights.
- Flat, black shoes.
- Grey, black or white socks

During winter months, children may wear wellington boots to school but these must be stored in a bag and indoor shoes worn whilst inside the building.

There is no requirement to wear items with the school logo on.

OPAL

All children need to have the following clothing in school to wear over lunchtime – we're outside whatever the weather! They can leave these items at school all year round:

- Waterproof coat
- Wellies

It's a good idea to provide children with gloves and a hat when it's cold and ensure they have a hat to wear when it's warm.

If your child loves messy play, waterproof trousers or an all-in-one waterproof and a spare pair of shorts/trousers are important too! They can keep these in school too, on their peg.

PE Kit

For PE, all children need:

- White or green polo-shirt or t-shirt

- Black/green shorts and/or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE
- White/black trainers.
- Grey/black/white socks

Jewellery & Appearance

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small, flat stud earrings and watches). These must be removed for all PE lessons. If earrings cannot be removed then children will be asked to wear tape over them for health and safety reasons. All other jewellery is not permitted, unless permission has been granted by the head teacher following a written request due to religious or medical reasons from the parent/carer.

We do not allow headwear (hats/very large bows/very large headbands) to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. In such cases, permission must be granted by the head teacher following a written request from the parent/carer.

Children are not permitted to wear make-up and/or nail varnish to school. Long hair must be tied back securely during PE lessons.

Clothing which includes words or pictures on them which could give offence to others; reference to the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; or that is so tight, short or revealing that it could give offence to others, is not allowed.

There may be occasions or certain activities which require children to wear clothing different to the school uniform; a fundraising day, forest school activity or swimming lessons for example. If and when these occur, information on appropriate clothing will be provided to parents/carers.

Buying uniform and keeping it safe

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. Whilst every effort is made to return named items, the school cannot accept liability for items that are lost or damaged. At the end of each term, unclaimed lost property is donated to our fundraising group and local charities. .

Uniform with the school logo on can be purchased through our supplier 'Big Fish' via their website:
<https://www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk/>

Suitable school uniform without the school logo on can be purchased from various local supermarkets. The school ensures that school uniform is available for those families who, for different reasons, are unable to purchase school uniform, and has links with our school PTA and local clothing charities for families suffering from clothing poverty.

Second hand and pre-loved uniform is available from our 'uniform shed' next to the school's main entrance. This is open during the school day.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.

- To promote high standards and encourage pupils to follow the school's uniform expectations. The class teacher will speak to children and/or parents who do not wear the correct uniform. If they are still not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to a member of the senior management team.

Role of the Senior Management Team

- The role of the senior management team is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- Where a pupil doesn't wear correct uniform, staff will seek to understand the reason and work with families to provide support where needed
- The senior management team have a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- A member of the senior management team will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- To ensure the school follows the Department for Education Statutory Guidance: Cost of School Uniforms (updated November 2021).
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Role of the Pupils & Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and are suitably dressed.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Equality

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other relevant policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Lantern Lane Primary & Nursery School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to achieve their full potential. The school ensures that school uniform is available for those families who, for different reasons, are unable to purchase school uniform, and has links with our school PTA and local clothing charities for families suffering from clothing poverty. The school ensures parents and carers are aware of the support school can offer in alleviating clothing poverty by publicising this throughout the school year. The school is also committed to making reasonable adjustments for pupils with SEND where agreed.