

# School Uniform Policy



**Long Lawford**  
Primary School

Love, Learn, Persevere and Succeed

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## 1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours. We provide a list of the items needed for school uniform in our handbook for new parents and on our school website.

In drafting this policy governors have followed guidance issued by the government on school uniform, namely:

DfE School Uniform, Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities 2013.

## 2 Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform underpins our school values and:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## 3 Uniform details

### Girls

- Grey/black pinafore dress or grey/black skirt or grey/black trousers/shorts
- White blouse / polo top\*
- **Royal blue** sweatshirt\*, cardigan\*, jumper or school badged hoodie\* (**not navy**)
- Black sensible shoes
- In the summer a blue and white gingham dress may be worn.

Skirts should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment.

### Boys

- Grey/black long trousers / shorts.
- White shirt / polo shirt\*
- **Royal blue** sweatshirt\*, jumper or school badged hoodie\* (**not navy**)
- Sensible black shoes.

After the KS 2 SATs Year 6 are given the option of purchasing and wearing a leaver's hoodie for their final weeks at school.

## **P.E. kit**

All children need

- Black or navy shorts
- Black joggers (no logo)
- White t-shirt\*
- **Royal blue** sweatshirt or school badged hoodie\* (for outdoor PE)
- Pumps or trainers.

These should be kept in a pump bag and left at school during the week.

All items marked \* are available to purchase from the school uniform shop. All other items are readily available from high street stores.

## **4 Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds **we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school**. The exceptions to this rule are small studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games. If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. In the rare cases when a child cannot remove their ear studs, parents or carers must provide plasters that the child can themselves apply to cover ear studs during PE lessons. If they are not covered the child will not be able to take part in the PE lessons.

Inexpensive watches may be worn. However, if a watch is designed for games, taking photos or making disruptive noises it should not be worn for school.

## **5 Extreme haircuts and make up**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair bands, clips etc. should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours and only used in order to keep hair in place. Long hair should be tied back for practical purposes. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

## **6 Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear **shoes** as stated in the uniform list.

Wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Wellington boots may also be worn for Forest School sessions, and then children should change back into their school shoes for the rest of the day.

Flat sandals with covered toes that provide firm support may be worn in summer but they must have a heel strap to ensure that the foot cannot slip off the sandal. Black boots may be worn in the winter months.

## **7 Seasonal safety**

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- Wearing a plain hat or cap (No logos)
- Wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).
- Wearing sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977.

## **8. The role of school**

The school will ensure that uniform bearing the school logo are available to purchase via the school website ([www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com](http://www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com)). However, the school will not insist that only items bearing the logo are worn. The school will make every effort to ensure these items are of good quality and are reasonably priced.

The school accepts not liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms an important part of our Home / School agreement. In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continuing to wear it in the classroom would be asked to remove it and hang it on their coat peg). When children are not wearing school uniform and have spoken to an adult they will be given a sticker to show they have already been spoken to and parents or carers will be contacted. This will continue daily and a meeting may be arranged if the child continues to not wear school uniform.

## **9 The role of parents and carers**

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name. One of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents should ensure that P.E. kit is brought to school on a Monday, children take their PE kit home on Friday for laundering

If any parent or carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

## **10 The role of governors**

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## 11 Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents and carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents and carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

### **Appendix 1: summary of process school will follow if parents do not send children to school in uniform.**

**Day 1** - Child not wearing correct school uniform – child will be spoken to and given a sticker to wear showing that they are not in school uniform but are ready to learn – class teacher will phone parents before child goes home



**Day 2** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – child will be spoken to and given a sticker to wear showing that they are not in school uniform but are ready to learn – class teacher will phone parents before child goes home



**Day 3** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – child will be spoken to and given a sticker to wear showing that they are not in school uniform but are ready to learn – Mrs McSweeney (child and family lead) will phone parents.



**Day 4** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – child will be spoken to and given a sticker to wear showing that they are not in school uniform but are ready to learn – Phase leader will phone parents.



**Day 5** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – child will be spoken to and given a sticker to wear showing that they are not in school uniform but are ready to learn – SLT will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss this further.