



# Long Lawford Primary School

Love, Learn, Persevere and Succeed

# School Uniform Policy

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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 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 and themselves,
- 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

### Children must wear:

- Grey/black/blue and white pinafore dress or grey/black skirt or grey/black trousers/shorts
- White blouse or white polo shirt\* (or blue polo shirt with school logo on)
- **Royal blue** sweatshirt\*, cardigan\*, jumper\*
- A school badged hoodie for PE\* (**not navy**)
- Sensible black shoes

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

After the KS2 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
- Plain black or grey jogging bottoms (with no logo or branding)

- White **round neck** t-shirt\*
- **Royal blue** sweatshirt or school badged hoodie\* (for outdoor PE)
- **Black** pumps or **black** trainers.

PE kit items should be worn on PE days only **and is part of the school uniform.**

All items marked **with** \* are available to purchase from the school uniform shop, [Brigade](#), which is available on our school website. All other items are readily available from high street stores.

**Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's full name.**

#### **4 Support with uniform costs**

##### **Uniform with the school logo**

Uniform with the school logo on is optional. The colour of the school uniform is mandatory. Uniform with the school logo on can be purchased from [Brigade](#) and non-logo uniform can be purchased from local supermarkets.

##### **Second Hand Uniform**

We have in stock a wide variety of good quality second hand uniform for purchase, both with and without logos. Please contact the main office for further information.

##### **Pupil Premium**

We use Pupil Premium money to purchase uniform with the school logo on for children that qualify for this additional funding. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, please contact the main office and the admin team will support you with completing a simple application form for uniform.

#### **5 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 **or tape up** 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/**tape so** that the child can themselves apply to cover ear studs during PE lessons. If they are not covered the child will ~~not~~ be **restricted with what they can partake in during** ~~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 (**i.e., smart watches**) ~~they~~ should not be worn for school.

## **6 Hair bands and make up**

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.

## **7 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 or Forest School activities, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Children in EYFS may also bring in wellington boots for outdoor play. Flat sandals with covered toes that provide firm support may be worn in the 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.

## **8 Seasonal Safety**

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. They will also require a coat for Forest School activities. Children in Early Years will also need a coat as they will be learning outside as part of their curriculum.

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 sunscreen that has been applied at home (adults in school are not permitted to apply sunscreen).
- Wearing sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977.

## **9 The role of school**

The school will ensure that uniform bearing the school logo are available to purchase via school website. 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 no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

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 parent/carer 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 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/put in their locker). When children are not wearing school uniform 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.

## **10 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 clean and in good repair. Parents must ensure that children come dressed in their PE kit on days that their class has PE. This information is emailed to parents at the start of each half term via the year group letter.

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.

## **11 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.

## **12 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 class teacher will talk to parents at the end of the day (face-to-face or via phone). Conversation will be logged on CPOMS.



**Day 2** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – class teacher will talk to parents at the end of the day (face-to-face or via phone). This second conversation will be logged on CPOMS.



**Day 3** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform –Mrs McSweeney (child and family lead) will phone parents to discuss further. Support for uniform to be offered. Conversation will be logged on CPOMS.



**Day 4** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – Phase leader will phone parents to discuss further. Support for uniform to be offered. Conversation will be logged on CPOMS.



**Day 5** – Child still not wearing correct school uniform – DHT/HT will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss this further.