



Layfield Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Aims

We have a school uniform that is worn by children from Nursery to Year Six. Our children are proud to belong to the school community and value the identity that the uniform provides. The uniform is intended to be smart, practical and economical and adds to the sense of family and belonging we have in our school. We expect all children to be neat and tidy and to take pride in their appearance.

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of belonging
- Is practical and distinctive
- Identifies 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 both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- Is regarded as suitable, of good quality and good value for money
- Is easy to care for and launder

The following items of uniform are required:

- Burgundy jumpers or cardigans with a grey striped edge embroidered with the school logo;
- Grey knee length skirt / knee length pinafore / trousers (knee length shorts may be worn during the summer term);
- White shirt (long or short sleeved) with pointed collar, suitable for wearing with a tie;
- Clip on school tie - burgundy and grey striped
- White ankle or knee length socks or plain grey tights should worn with a skirt, grey ankle or knee length socks should be worn with trousers
- Flat, plain black sensible shoes, trainers or boots preferably with Velcro fastenings for younger children. (Coloured trainers and open toed/heeled sandals are NOT allowed).

Children may wear stud earrings. All other jewellery is not permitted.

Children may wear a watch; however smart watches are not permitted.

Children's hair should be their natural colour and not an extreme style/cut. Hair accessories should be discrete and reflect the school colours - white, grey or burgundy.

Optional items of uniform are available as follows:

- Burgundy blazer with logo
- Burgundy waterproof fleece with logo
- Burgundy book bag with logo
- Burgundy cap with logo
- Burgundy PE kit bag with logo

PE Kit

Children need to come to school in their PE kit on the days they have a PE lesson. The kit should include the following required items:

- Plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Burgundy PE t-shirt with school logo

- Black plimsolls or trainers.

Children may also wear their school sweatshirt or a plain burgundy or black sweatshirt or hoody on these days.

Labelling Uniform

We ask that all items of uniform/school are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any unnecessary upset or confusion.

Initials can be embroidered below the school logo on the cardigan, sweatshirt and PE tops upon request from the supplier.

The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Uniform supplier

Most items of uniform may be purchased from any supplier, including supermarkets and online stores.

Key items of uniform, which require a school logo – sweatshirts, cardigans, PE tops and book bags, can be purchased from Elizabeth's Embroidery's (see details on the school website). Ties can also be purchased from here, or directly from the school office at cost price.

We keep a stock of pre-loved uniform which is available from the school office.

Jewellery

For safety and security reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery of any description for school (e.g. ear-rings, necklaces, rings, bracelets). Children who inadvertently wear jewellery will be asked to remove it and give it to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

Children with pierced ears may wear one small stud in each ear (not loops or dangling) which must be removed for PE and swimming (for health and safety reasons) by the child him/herself. Young children who are not able to manage this should therefore not wear ear studs. If a parent considers it necessary to allow their child to have their ears pierced for the first time, we respectfully request that this is done at the start of the six weeks holiday. This will ensure that they are fully healed for return to school in September. Children with newly pierced ears who have been advised not to remove their ear studs for a number of weeks will not be able to participate in PE or swimming lessons in case this causes an injury.

In Early Years, children are not permitted to wear any earrings (including studs) as these pose a potential snagging risk due to the nature of the Early Years environment (physical activity and dressing up throughout the school day).

Watches may be worn by children, though they will be personally responsible for their care and security. We are aware that 'smart watches' are available but we would prefer that these are not brought into school as they generally have the capacity to link to the internet and can be a distraction to pupils.

In addition, we do allow fitness trackers, but again, we would request that these are not the type which are capable of connection to the internet as they also can be a distraction to pupils.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.

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 labelled correctly and clearly.

Complaints and challenges to school uniform policy

Disputes about school uniform should be resolved with the school at the earliest opportunity and in accordance with the complaints policy.

Non-compliance with school uniform policy

Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This is carried out in accordance with the school's behaviour policy and would normally amount to the class teacher speaking to the child about wearing the correct uniform.

If a breach of the school's rules persists, the class teacher would send a written reminder to parents.

If concerns continue to persist, the headteacher may speak to the parent / carer about school uniform policy and it may be necessary to ask the parent / carer to take the child home briefly to remedy the breach of the school's rules on appearance and behaviour. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence unless this takes longer than is necessary to effect the change. When it may be counted as an unauthorised absence.

The Headteacher has 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.

This protocol is in line with the DfE guidelines.

Equalities

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 policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

We are committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Free School Meals – Free Uniform Entitlement

If your child/children is/are entitled to Free School Meals we are usually able to provide either a school jumper or cardigan and a tie free of charge – dependent on funding being available.

If you believe your child may be entitled, please contact the school office or apply direct via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-schools-andchildcare/informationon-free-school-meals/>

If your claim is approved you will be added to our list to provide a free jumper/cardigan automatically.