

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have a school uniform for several reasons.

We are keen to see children come to school appropriately dressed for the wide range of activities that occur day by day. Many of these activities are quite physical (outdoor play, P.E., drama, dance, using the fitness trail and other large play features etc) and children need to be suitably clothed.

We have a lot of P E activities taking place, including after school clubs and inter-school competitions. To ensure that the children are wearing suitable clothing for sports and games and to develop a greater sense of belonging to Lakes School, we have a recommended P E kit. This means...

- Footwear must be flat soled and offer good ankle support. Sandals, flip-flops or platform soles are inappropriate and the staff have been instructed that children are not allowed to take part in a wide range of activities unless they are wearing appropriate footwear.
- No earrings or other jewellery are to be worn in school.

What do I need to get for my child?

Our school has a practical and inexpensive school uniform.

- grey skirts, trousers, pinafores
- navy blue sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans and fleeces
- white polo shirts and T-shirts (T-shirts ordered through school have a large school logo on the front).
- navy blue tights, shorts, skirts
- blue and white dresses.
- Flat-soled shoes or trainers.

The school logo of a yacht is embroidered onto sweatshirts, fleeces, polo and T-shirts ordered through school.

Clothing for P.E:

For P.E. lessons your child will need:

Foundation Stage/KS1 Dark blue shorts & white T-shirt. The youngest children can simply participate in vest and pants as dealing with extra clothing can take up an inordinate amount of time. Children in Years 1 and 2 also require swimming trunks or costume and a towel.

KS2 As above, and also trainers/football boots for outdoor games plus shin pads which are essential for football coaching sessions.

P E indoors is done barefoot unless a child has a veruca or other reason for protecting their feet.

Clothing for P.E. is kept in the cloakroom so please supply a small kit bag as we do not have room for large sports bags in the cloakrooms. We will supply a free P E kitbag when you buy the P E kit from school.

In order to ensure that your child's uniform does not get lost or misplaced, please label all items of clothing with your child's name.

Sun safe?

Children have sensitive skin that is easily burnt. Therefore sun protection is important during the summer months so please do not send your child to school with bare shoulders. By keeping to the items of school uniform listed previously you will assist us in protecting your child from the sun. Many

children wear hats during the summer and this is encouraged as a sensible additional form of sun protection.

Some things that are not allowed.

Football tops, `hoodies', crop-tops, mini-skirts, make-up and nail varnish.

Why?

We want the children to come to school and recognise they are not going to a football match, disco or fashion show. It really helps if they are properly prepared for school so that we can help them to focus on what they need to be learning.

Where do I buy the uniform?

You can buy the uniform in quite a few places locally - we choose the colors so that parents/carers could buy inexpensive good quality school uniform from local supermarket and other shops. Quickstich will embroider the school logo and (very helpfully) your child's initials onto school uniform tops.

You can also order uniform from school. We carry a range of stock and also make regular orders. Please ask at the office for more details about the range of items, cost and sizes.

So is a uniform compulsory?

No it isn't, but we hope that you understand why we think a uniform is important and that you will support us by ensuring that your child comes to school in a school uniform. We think they look really smart!

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