

LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is Lakes 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 complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website. Our school uniform consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Blue pinafore dress in summer
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers

Uniform can be ordered with the school logo on the sweatshirt and polo shirt via local retailers.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- 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.

Jewellery

A watch is permitted, which children take responsibility for. Children may also wear stud earrings, however these must be covered or removed on PE days. Children are not permitted to wear make up or acrylic nails to school.

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 encourage children not to wear such shoes in our school. The most encouraged and appropriate footwear is black school shoes. Children are permitted to bring wellington boots in so they may access the outdoor area even in inclement weather as part of our OPAL play policy.

PE/Sporting Activities

A school PE kit consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black or Blue shorts or joggers

Children are welcome to wear their kit on days in which they have PE.

For sporting events which require specific or separate kits, these will be provided by school.

Cost of Uniforms

As a school we are very conscious that uniform can be very costly and therefore there is no requirement to wear any items with the school logo. We aim to keep the uniform plain so it can be purchased from most local supermarkets.

We have some items of spare, used, uniform which is in good condition which can be used to support families in need.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to Lakes to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent 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.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents 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.

Monitoring and Review

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

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents 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.

