



Lakes Primary School

Policy for Uniform

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Introduction

At Lakes Primary School, we believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, and identity within our school community. We expect all pupils to wear the agreed school uniform when attending school and when representing the school at educational visits, sporting activities, or other school-organised events.

A full list of uniform requirements is available within the school prospectus and on the school website.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Dark blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore dress
- Blue gingham summer dress (optional during warmer months)
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers

Branded uniform items featuring the school logo are available through our approved uniform supplier. However, parents and carers may choose plain alternatives that meet the school's colour requirements.

Aims and Objectives

Our school uniform policy aims to:

- Promote a sense of pride in Lakes Primary School.
- Foster a feeling of community and belonging among pupils.
- Support equality by reducing visible differences in clothing.
- Create a smart and purposeful learning environment.
- Help pupils to be easily identified as members of the school community.
- Ensure clothing is practical, comfortable, and suitable for learning and play.
- Provide a cost-effective option that offers good value for families.
- Support health and safety requirements within school.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school.

The following exceptions apply:

- A wristwatch may be worn (please note- no smartwatches which could take images/ videos / receive calls).
- Stud earrings may be worn if they can be safely removed or covered for PE and sporting activities.

Pupils wear watches and permitted earrings at their own risk. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is essential for children's safety and wellbeing, as an OPAL Gold school we promote active play.

Pupils should wear:

- Black school shoes; or
- Plain black trainers without bright logos, patterns, or coloured soles.

The following are not permitted:

- High-heeled shoes
- Platform shoes
- Slip on shoes (unless needed for a medical procedure and a risk assessment is in place)
- Fashion footwear that may present a health and safety risk

The Cost of School Uniform

Lakes Primary School is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform remains affordable for all families.

To support this commitment:

- Branded items are optional and plain alternatives are acceptable.
- Uniform items can be purchased from a variety of local retailers.

- The school maintains a stock of good-quality pre-loved uniform that families may access free of charge.
- Financial assistance may be available through school hardship funding where appropriate.

Parents and carers who require support are encouraged to contact the school confidentially.

The Role of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to support the school's uniform policy by ensuring that their child attends school in the correct uniform each day.

Parents and carers should ensure that:

- Uniform is clean, safe, and in good condition.
- All items are clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Pupils arrive at school appropriately dressed and ready to learn.

Lakes Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. Requests for reasonable adjustments to the uniform on religious, cultural, medical, or disability grounds will be considered sensitively and in accordance with equality legislation.

Concerns or suggestions regarding the uniform policy should be discussed with the Headteacher in the first instance.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Board supports the Headteacher in the implementation and review of this policy.

Governors are responsible for ensuring that:

- The policy is applied fairly and consistently.
- Uniform requirements comply with equality and anti-discrimination legislation.
- The policy remains affordable and accessible for families.
- Uniform expectations support pupils' health, safety, and wellbeing.

The Governing Board will review the policy periodically to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the school community.