

Lewknor Church of England Primary School
Uniform Policy
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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. The details of the School uniform are set out below.

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.

Uniform

Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo

Emerald green polo shirt with school logo

Boys – Navy blue school trousers. Summer option - Navy blue school shorts

Girls - Navy blue trousers or skirt. Summer option – Navy blue gingham dress or navy blue school shorts instead of skirt or trousers

Black or blue leather shoes or sandals. Sandals are to have strong soles and closed-in toes and are to be worn with socks and have a strap around the back of the heel.

Navy, Black or white socks (or navy tights for girls)

Navy book-bag

For PE – white polo shirt, navy blue shorts with white sports socks and trainers or plimsolls. A navy blue fleece and tracksuit bottoms may be worn over the main PE kit in cold weather.

The school has appointed a local company, (Simply Threads) who are the primary supplier for branded uniform (i.e. polo shirts with school logo). Any non-logo items (i.e. trousers / skirts) can be purchased from any supplier. Details of the provider are available from the school office or order forms can be found in the display stand in the school hall. Parents should order items directly from Simply Threads.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes without firm soles, strappy open toed sandals, sling backs 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 sensible, smart shoes. Boots should be firm-soled, low (or no) heel and trouser should not be tucked into boots. All footwear should be black or dark blue.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with tape (if ears have been pierced within 6 weeks), to prevent them from causing injury.

Nail Varnish

No nail varnish will be worn in school. Any pupil seen wearing nail varnish will be offered nail varnish remover pads and asked to clean their nails. Younger pupils will have their nails cleaned of varnish by a member of staff.

Make up

The wearing of make-up is not permitted in school. Pupils with make-up will be asked to remove it immediately by washing their face or using make-up removal pads.

Extreme hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes spiking and gelling hair, having false extensions and hair dyed with colours outside the "natural" range of colours. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Head teacher.

The Role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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 school day. 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.

Parents must ensure that all school uniform has their child's name marked in it clearly.

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.