

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

Our uniform is:-

- Navy blue knitted cardigan, sweat cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo;
- Emerald green polo shirt with school logo;
- Smart navy blue school trousers, knee-length pinafore dress or skirt. In the summer, smart navy blue knee-length shorts (not jersey or lycra material) can be worn and girls may wear a navy blue (not sky blue) gingham dress.
- Socks should be navy, black or white. Girls may also wear navy tights.
- Footwear should be smart navy or black shoes or sandals. Sandals should be worn with socks and have a strap around the back of the heel and enclosed toes.
- Ideally children should also use a navy blue school book bag or rucksack.

PE kit is:-

- A white polo shirt;
- Navy blue shorts;
- White sports socks;
- Trainers (plimsolls can get very wet in poor weather);
- Navy tracksuit bottoms;
- Navy fleece, sweatshirt or hoodie for colder weather

PE kit must be brought into school on Monday, in a named bag which can be hung on a cloakroom peg, and left in school until it is taken home at the end of each term.

A hat should be worn during sunny weather and an outdoor coat (preferably navy or black) should be worn in the winter months. It should be easy for your child to put on by him/herself.

School uniform can be ordered directly from Trutex Schoolwear & More based in Didcot by visiting www.myschoolwear.co.uk and searching for Lewknor Primary School or by visiting their shop in Didcot.

It is essential that all uniform is name labelled. Children regularly misplace their clothes and this enables us to return 'misplaced' clothing quickly, avoiding the need for parents to replace items that inevitably get lost from time to time.

Please use labels or an indelible marker pen.

One of our parents runs a pre-loved uniform stall at various events selling good quality pre-loved or unclaimed 'lost' uniform, two or three times a year, which is advertised in the school newsletter.

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.