



St Laurence's CE Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Overview

At St Laurence's CE Primary School, we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school has high standards and expectations and this are reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment. The school dress code has been established following consultations with parents and pupils and therefore received support from all involved in our uniform's purchase, wear, and care.

Objectives

1. To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school
2. To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude, and dress.
3. To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.
4. To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.
5. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

Uniform

- Royal blue fleece, sweatshirt, or cardigan.
- White/blue polo shirt
- Dark grey/black standard school trousers/shorts
- Dark grey/black skirts or pinafores
- Flat black shoes/boots/plain trainers (no open toe sandals)
- Blue gingham summer dresses

School logo items such as fleeces, sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased through Brigade <http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php>

PE Kit

We have kept the expectation for pupils to wear branded items to a minimum.

- Plain black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings
- Plain black sweat top
- Black pumps or trainers

Faith Based Head Wear

Head wear worn for religious reasons should be plain royal blue, navy, white or black in colour.

Hairstyles

Hair styles should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress. Long hair should be off the face in all lessons and fully tied back for PE. There should be no extremes of style or colour; extreme styles will be discussed with parents. Hair accessories should be discreet and plain in colour.

School Bags

Children do not require large school bags or additional equipment. Coats, school bags and PE bags must fit inside a locker. All basic equipment e.g. pencils, rulers, handwriting pens, colouring pencils are provided by school. Any additional equipment brought in is under families' own risk.

Lunchboxes

Lunchboxes should be named, stored on the year group lunchbox trolley or in the child's locker and taken home every day.

Water bottles

Water bottles should be named and they will be kept in the classroom other than when taken outside/to the hall for sports activities. Children are encouraged to drink water and should not bring other drinks into school.

Nail Varnish, Make Up and Jewellery

Nail varnish, make up and jewellery should not be worn by pupils. On swimming and PE days all jewellery should be removed before coming to school. Children may wear small, plain stud earrings which must be removed for PE and swimming. If children cannot yet remove earrings they can be covered with a plaster or tape provided by home as a temporary measure. Children may wear small, discreet watches which must be removed for PE. Smart watches that can take photographs are prohibited.

Jewellery of a religious significance that can not be removed should be taped over, covered with a sweat band or tucked securely underneath clothing.

Naming Items

It is essential that all items of clothing (including shoes) are clearly labelled with the child's name and any PE kit should be brought to school in an appropriate bag. Lost property is passed on to the Uniform Swap Shop which operates out of the dining room on a Friday at 9am.

Assistance

School expectation is that all pupils will be able to wear their uniform with pride. Our Family Link Worker offers a regular uniform swap shop that has 'pre-loved' uniform items available which have been kindly donated. Please contact the school office for more information. This is available all year round on Friday mornings in the dining room. Infant and junior sizes are available to take. If for any reason issues are encountered obtaining / purchasing uniform, please come and speak to us in confidence in the school office.

Consequences for not wearing full school uniform

Children's self-esteem and identity may be damaged if they are not dressed in the way expected, or in the same way as their peers. Parents and carers are encouraged to come and talk to staff if there are individual circumstances impacting on their ability to provide the full, correct school uniform or P.E. kit for their child/children.

If staff notice that your child is not in the correct uniform, a reminder will be given in writing using our uniform expectations reminder slip.

If your child continues not to be dressed in the correct uniform and you do not come and discuss this with us, further consequences could include your child being unable to represent our school in events.

High Expectations: Uniform Expectations Reminder

At St Laurence's we want to promote consistently high standards. We expect everyone to endeavour to demonstrate this in relation to school uniform. We have noticed that your child has not worn the correct school uniform / footwear to school on more than one occasion:

Incorrect footwear	
Incorrect school uniform	
Incorrect P.E. uniform	
Jewellery / make-up / accessories	
Other	

Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform each day, and if this is not possible, please contact us to discuss the reasons for this. Additional consequences, such as your child not being able to attend out of school events, may be given if pupils are persistently not wearing full, correct uniform.