

Long Mead Community Primary School Policy for School Uniform & Appearance

This Policy has 'Safeguarding Children and Child Protection', 'Every Child Matters', the school's 'Healthy School' ethos and the school's Mission Statement and Aims at its heart.

School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

At Long Mead Community Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- ◆ looks smart
- ◆ wears well
- ◆ contributes to a sense of belonging
- ◆ gives a common purpose
- ◆ fosters a feeling of pride
- ◆ reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform has been chosen after extensive consultation. It is readily available and inexpensive.

Our School Uniform

Apart from the school jumpers/cardigans, all items are widely available from High Street shops. The school jumpers/cardigans may be bought from the school at practically cost price, and other logoed items are available at the lowest cost we can supply.

We strongly recommend that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that items can be returned if lost.

Our uniform is as follows:

Black trousers (tailored fit) / skirt / pinafore dress.

N.B. Leggings and culottes are not allowed as alternatives to trousers.

A blue & white checked dress or black shorts can be worn between Easter and October.

Plain pale blue polo shirt (must have a collar) with or without the school logo.

School sweatshirt or cardigan with logo.

Socks should be black/grey. Black tights may be worn with a skirt or pinafore dress. White socks may be worn with the blue and white checked dress.

School shoes must be black, low heeled and suitable for active play at school.

N.B. trainers/trainer style shoes or boots are not permitted, and open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the summer term.

P.E. / Games Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. All children should wear:

Plain white t-shirt (with or without school logo)
Royal Blue or Black shorts
Black plimsolls

Children can wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan with their PE kit. Children may also wear tracksuit bottoms when the weather is cold, which should be either blue or black.

All PE kit should be kept in a named bag and be in school at all times.

Children in Years 3-6 who go swimming need a towel, swimming trunks (not long shorts) or costume (no bikinis) carried in a waterproof bag. Hair must be tied back where necessary.

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, as they play outside unless the weather is too wet. They will need a warm coat in the winter and a raincoat when the weather is warmer. We recommend that children wear sunhats during the summer when the sun is strong.

Bags and belongings

Book bags are available from the school office, otherwise children may use their own bag to transport books/homework etc. to and from school.

Fashion Items/Other

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E.. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed during physical activity. Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel, jewellery (other than stud earrings) should not be worn.

Appropriate sunhats should be worn outside during sunny weather, rather than bandanas. Long hair, on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly with a plain black/white or blue hair band. This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety:

Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

Extreme hairstyles (Mohawks, tramlines, shaved patterns, or cuts less than a grade 2) are not allowed.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The child and/or parent/carer (as appropriate for the age of the child) will be advised of the breach of policy either verbally or by letter.

Pupils breaching the uniform policy will be offered, where available, uniform from the school's clean spare supply to wear until the end of the day.

The Head Teacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may phone a parent/carer of a pupil to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance.