



St Leonard's CE(A) First School
Uniform
2022/2023

School Uniform

Introduction

It is our school's expectation that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts/ shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/ carers are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE, in line with our whole-school ethos.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the St Leonard's CE (A) First School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy. "We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers".

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish and Headscarves

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Footwear

For health and safety reason all pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. Pupils can bring trainers into school to change into for break periods. Pupils must however change back into shoes at the end of break periods.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, we have a free school uniform bank to supply any uniform items . Alternatively they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing. 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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head of School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher 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 enables children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head of School and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Discipline

The Head of School has the authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform. It is our intention to explore all alternatives, through consultation and discussion with parents/carers, to avoid sanctions being taken. If a pupil arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Parents/Carers will be contacted. Should the problem persist, parents/carers may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Pupils are encouraged to ask here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Help providing Uniform

The school is able to provide free items of second hand school uniforms to families who may require these. As well as uniforms, they can also provide PE kits required. Please contact the school office on office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk for further information.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head of School, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

School uniform list

Our school uniform is green and gold v neck jumper or cardigan, green and gold tie, white shirt and grey skirt or trousers.

The PE consists of a polo shirt in the child's house team colour, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and a black hoodie.

Whilst most uniform items can be acquired from high street shops the uniform with logos can be purchased from Something Special, Hillside Industrial Estate, 4 Pine View, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 1AB

Compulsory	Optional
Bottle green v-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo and gold trim White shirt (long or short sleeved) Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore Purple summer dress White/ grey socks Black shoes Green, gold and purple striped clip on tie <u>PE KIT</u> Polo shirt with school logo in house team colours Black shorts Black pumps Trainers	Outdoor hoody with school logo Black jogging bottoms with school logo
Outdoor learning PE kit Wellies to be kept at school	Hat, scarf, gloves