



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

Leaney Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart.

In line with guidance from DENI, we endeavour to make this fair and reasonable in terms of practicability and affordability for parents with limited “branded” items. Those parents in receipt of Job seekers allowance/benefits, should check the Education Authority’s Clothing Allowance Scheme. [<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>]

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is cost effective; and
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our School Uniform

All Seasons

Girls: Navy sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo shirt, grey skirt /skort/ trousers, dark/white socks/dark tights, all black shoes/trainers

Boys: Navy sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo shirt, grey trousers/shorts, dark socks, all black shoes/trainers

Summer Term (optional)

Girls: Navy/White checked dress, dark/white socks, black shoes/trainers

Boys: White polo shirt, grey trousers/shorts, dark socks, all black shoes/trainers

Sweatshirts and school fleeces bearing the school logo can be purchased from Gaults, S & T Moore and Heart & Home. As it is not compulsory to wear uniform bearing the school logo, similar garments of the same colour can be purchased at a store of your choice.

Year 7 pupils may wear their leavers hoody in place of their sweatshirt/cardigan.

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named.

Long Hair

It may be necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during P.E. activities (i.e. swimming and gymnastics) if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations. The principal/governors will refer to 'The Association for Physical Education's Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport' document for guidance in matters that may present themselves in the future and are not included in this policy. The governors will use this guidance to inform policy making or to make changes to policy should the need arise.

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted)
- A sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example, PE lessons / swimming lessons. If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of PE.

Make-Up

The governors deem it inappropriate for pupils in our school to wear make-up and therefore it should not be worn. Make up includes but is not limited to; eye liner, mascara, lip stick, blusher, false nails, false eye lashes etc. If make up is worn, the child will be asked to remove it immediately. If this is not possible for the child to do, their parent/carer will be contacted and asked to come to school to aid in the removal. In the case of persistent non-compliance then sanctions in line with those stated in the Positive Behaviour Policy pages 11 and 12 will be used.

Other

Drawings, markings, stickers, temporary tattoos are not permitted. Visible skin (including during PE) must be free from all such markings or coverings of any kind. If any are present, the child will be asked to remove immediately. If this is not possible for the child to do, their parent/carer will be contacted and asked to come to school to aid in the removal. In the case of persistent non-compliance then sanctions in line with those stated in the Positive Behaviour Policy pages 11 and 12 will be used.

P.E. Kit

There are no set requirements for PE. However, children are expected to wear kit that is both suitable and appropriate clothing for P.E. i.e. shorts, full size t-shirt, leggings, track suit bottoms etc. All children should have a pair of P.E. slippers. Year 4-7 pupils should bring a suitable change of clothes for P.E. Children who go swimming (Years 4 - 7) will need a swimming costume or trunks and a towel, in a suitable water-proof bag. Older children, who participate in football etc., should equip themselves with the appropriate clothing and footwear.

In line with good practice and hygiene guidance, pupils in P4-7 will change into PE uniform and back

into uniform for PE lessons. Pupils should come to school every day in full school uniform unless otherwise advised.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean and in good repair and that each item is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Non-Compliance With The School Uniform Policy

In line with the "Guidance To Schools On School Uniform Policy" (DE 2011/04) where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy and wearing the correct uniform items, the school will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case. The school is aware that occasionally certain items of the uniform may not have been washed in time. It is also aware that during the year items become too small or have been lost and need replaced. The school will always work with parents in agreeing realistic time frames for replacements.

However, in the case of persistent non-compliance then sanctions in line with those stated in the Positive Behaviour Policy pages 11 and 12 will be used.

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The governors, with the principal, will consider, on merit and in line with relevant guidance e.g. Disability Discrimination Act and the Human Rights Act, any concerns and issues raised by parents.

This policy, which has been reviewed by parents and staff, has been endorsed by the Board of Governors, will be reviewed regularly.