



St. Luke's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

It is important that our children feel proud of their school and our uniform is the most visual representation of this in our community. Following parents' feedback, we will maintain the policy of children wearing PE Kit on their PE Day – your child will be informed of this on their first day back after the summer break. From September, please follow this uniform information carefully to ensure your child is ready for school and can participate fully in all school has to offer.



General School Uniform

Green jumper / Cardigan
Yellow Polo Shirt
Black or Grey Skirt / Trousers
Comfortable Black Shoes

Seasonal

Green Summer Dress
Black / Grey Shorts

PE Kits

White Polo / T-Shirt
Black Shorts / School Jumper
Black Leggings / Joggers
No Football Kits / Tracksuits

For more information, please refer to the School Uniform Policy on the back of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Best wishes

Timothy Delves
Head Teacher



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School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

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 good value, 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;

Our uniform consists of:

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan; embroidered with the school logo is optional.
- Black / grey trousers or skirt.
- Gold / Yellow polo shirt; embroidered with the school logo is optional.
- Year 6 Pupils only: white shirt – school will provide a school tie and blazer. (*Secondary Transition*)

Jewellery or Overly Elaborate Decoration

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery or have overly elaborate decoration in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster (*provide by the parent*), to prevent them from causing injury. Overly Elaborate Decoration relates to over-sized accessories, nail varnish, false or acrylic nails / false eyelashes or make-up / tanning. Long hair should be tied back for safety with physical or practical learning. Braids should be of hair colour or similar. Suitable and inexpensive watches can be worn but are the responsibility of the parent and the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to such items.

Footwear

We require all children to wear black shoes as part of their uniform, no trainers (except for PE) or heels.

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 daily schoolwork. 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.

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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 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.

The role of governors

The governing body implements 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.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Environmental Awareness & Financial Consideration.

School second-hand uniform is available, also helping work towards achieving net zero carbon emissions. In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tonnes of clothes end up in landfill every year and encouraging families to use second-hand uniform can reduce waste and bring down emissions from manufacturing new garments, while making it cost-effective for families.