



# **The Lea Primary School and Nursery**

## **Uniform Policy**

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### **Introduction**

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

### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion “look smart, act smart” and that a school uniform;

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging within the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered suitable, and good value for money by most parents;

Our children are the school’s ambassadors. We encourage children to take a pride in their personal appearance, by wearing their polo shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers for example.

### **Where to buy uniform**

Items of uniform featuring the school logo can be bought via the school website or via the link [Beatschooluniforms.co.uk](http://Beatschooluniforms.co.uk)

Non-branded items can be purchased at very competitive prices from local shops including supermarkets. A nearly new shop is also available at the school’s Christmas and summer fairs.

### **Recommended uniform for all children (Reception to Year 6);**

#### **Girls**

Navy ‘Lea Primary School’ sweatshirt, or navy cardigan/jumper  
Navy skirt/ pinafore/ tailored trousers (no leggings, jeans, track suit bottoms etc)  
Sky blue ‘Lea Primary School’ polo shirt  
White socks or navy blue tights  
Dark coloured shoes

During the summer months, girls may wear a blue gingham dress. Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor, and without embarrassment.

#### **Boys**

Navy ‘Lea Primary School’ sweatshirt, or navy cardigan/jumper  
Grey trousers/ shorts (no leggings, jeans, track suit bottoms etc)  
Sky blue ‘Lea Primary School’ polo shirt  
Grey/black socks  
Dark coloured shoes

### **PE/games kit for boys and girls**

Navy or black shorts, or jogging bottoms when required  
‘Lea Primary School’ sky blue t-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activity.

### **Jewellery, Hair Ornaments and Watches**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove items during PE lessons or to have them taped over to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

We recommend that long hair is always worn tied up. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain, preferably either blue or black. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Watches may be worn in KS2. However if a watch is designed for games or makes disruptive noises, it should not be worn during school hours.

### **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Shoes made of a breathable material such as leather are preferred. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for school wear.

Winter boots/wellingtons may be worn to and from school during bad weather but children will need to change into indoor shoes whilst inside school buildings.

### **Seasonal clothing**

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should bring a hat or a cap to protect them during outdoor play or sporting activities.

A waterproof jacket with the school logo is available from the school's website.

### **Modification to the Recommended Uniform**

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, for example on religious grounds, 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 teacher.

### **The Role of the School**

All staff should set a good example in terms of dress. Staff should remind children to wear the correct school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform, including PE kit. If children continually attend school wearing clothing that is deemed not to be uniform, they will be referred to the head teacher.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the key responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and that each item is labelled with the child's name. The school cannot be responsible for any lost items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak to the head teacher to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that the school will do all it can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing 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 enables 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;

The governing body will review this policy every 3 years.