

LOWTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

We believe that the wearing of uniform encourages children to have a sense of belonging and of being part of the community. It is an outward expression of the school's identity and promotes a feeling of pride and equality. In addition, we believe that the wearing of a uniform contributes to helping children understand that they come to school to work and learn.

Aims

- To ensure that children wear clothing which is safe, smart and practical.
- To promote pride in their school and a sense of identity.
- To promote Lowton West Primary School as a Learning Community where we expect the highest standards.
- To promote the image of the school within the local area and the town.
- To ensure that children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and to eliminate competition amongst children in relation to what they wear.
- To ensure that the uniform is simple, good quality and reasonably priced.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Winter Uniform:

Grey trousers

Grey skirt/ pinafore

Pale blue short-sleeved polo shirt with or without the school logo (no shirts or blouses are allowed)

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo

Plain white or grey socks or grey tights (no patterns). Black socks may be worn with long trousers.

Black Shoes (no trainers, no leisure shoes and no boots unless medically necessary). Shoes should not have high heels and should not be slip-on shoes (for health and safety reasons).

Coat suitable for winter/ wet weather

Summer Uniform:

Grey trousers

Plain grey shorts may be worn

Grey skirt/ pinafore

Pale blue short-sleeved polo shirt with or without the school logo

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Plain white or grey socks.

Red and white checked dress – to be worn with white socks only. Please note that dresses with a white collar are allowed, but the rest of the dress should be checked. Dresses with a full plain white top (from the waist upwards) are not allowed.

Black Shoes (no trainers, no leisure shoes and no boots unless medically necessary). Shoes should not have high heels and should not be slip-on shoes (for health and safety reasons).

Plain sun hat

Spare black pumps are located in the school office and children will be asked to wear these if they do not have the correct footwear.

P.E. Kit

All children should have a change of clothing for P.E. as follows:

- A plain white t-shirt (no football/rugby shirts).
- Plain black shorts
- Black pumps or trainers (for outside)
- Drawstring bag with name clearly marked on the outside

During the winter a tracksuit may be worn, for P.E. outside. Tracksuits should be plain black, plain grey or plain navy. Please mark all items of clothing with your child's name and class. P.E. Kit should be left in school and will be sent home weekly.

Swimming Kit

All children should bring in, for swimming, the following:

- Swimming costume (no bikinis)
- Swimming trunks
- Towel

Swimming cap (if your child has long hair). If your child has a verruca/wart on their foot, they are to wear a verruca sock for the swimming lesson.

Health and Safety

There are several health and safety issues which inform our school policy as follows:

- No jewellery should be worn
- Wrist watches are not allowed to be worn
- Children with long hair (shoulder length) need to have their hair tied back. If children have long hair that isn't tied back, they will not be allowed to do PE. However, school will have spare bobbles if needed for PE so that pupils can tie their hair back if needed.
- No make-up is to be worn in school, including nail varnish and stick on tattoos. Parents/carers will be contacted if nail varnish is worn on a regular basis.
- No ear-rings
- No other piercings of any sort
- No extreme hair colour or hairstyles – including shaved heads or markings

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery for PE lessons and will not be allowed to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing ear-rings. Both staff and pupils are not allowed to cover a pupil's ear-rings with plasters for PE. Staff are not allowed to take out pupils' ear-rings.

If you are planning for your child to have his/ her ears pierced, it would be advisable to book for the very start of the Summer period so that the six week period of not taking them out will have finished by the time they return to school.

Hair accessories:

- Colourful or patterned hair accessories, including bows, flowers and large, colourful head bands are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in school.
- Plain, thin headbands and simple bobbles (or scrunchies) are allowed in the school colours (i.e. maroon or grey)

School bags

- We encourage all pupils to purchase a school reading bag for their reading diaries and reading books
- A small rucksack (please do not send your child with a large rucksack as the cloakroom space is limited). If your child's bag is too large, a class teacher will speak with you in relation to this. We appreciate parental support in this matter as cloakrooms with too many oversized bags become messy and unsafe.

Information about where the school uniform can be purchased is available on the school website.

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