



Lea Endowed CE Primary School

Whole School Policy for School Uniform

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'LET EVERYONE SHINE'

At Lea Endowed Church of England School we provide an excellent education for our children. We follow God's example, by loving Him, and each other, in all that we do.

Our whole school family is encouraged to achieve their full, God given potential and shine in their own special way.

"Let your light shine."

Matthew 5:16

Introduction

At Lea Endowed, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for our learning. 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. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance and for parents to help facilitate this.

Some items of uniform can be bought from specified school stockists, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. We also provide a second-hand school uniform online platform, "UNIFORMD".

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money and accessible for all

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are those required for religious purposes, sensible watches or plain earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any of these items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and preferably in school colours to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

All hair, longer than collar length, should be tied back neatly, regardless of gender.

Watches

Children are invited to wear a simple analogue or digital watch. We please ask that children do not wear smart watches, or any similar style watch. If a child comes to school wearing a smart watch (or similar), they will be asked to hand it in to staff who will return it to the child, at the end of the school day.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Children should not wear trainers or boots as part of their day- to -day uniform. If shoes are considered unsuitable, the child may be asked to change into pumps which will be provided, by school, whilst on school premises.

Coats

We encourage the children to get outside as often as possible; this can include when there is rain. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat with them, at all times.

Because we spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also important for children in EYFS to have a named pair of wellies which are kept in school.

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 visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, 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 clothing will be loaned an appropriate item to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be notified if the situation continues.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are legitimate reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, such requests will be considered sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, affordable, 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, if any significant changes are to be put in place
- considering, with the senior leaders, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed below:

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Lea Endowed that consists of:

Boys:
Grey trousers or grey shorts
School royal blue sweatshirt – this can be embroidered with school logo or purchased plain.
Gold/yellow polo shirt. - this can be embroidered with school logo or purchased plain
Black sensible shoes with non-slip soles.
Plain Grey or black socks
Girls:
Grey pinafore/grey skirt or grey trousers
School royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan– this can be embroidered with school logo or purchased plain.
Gold/yellow polo shirt. - this can be embroidered with school logo or purchased plain
In the summer short-sleeved sky blue or yellow gingham dress.
Black sensible shoes with non-slip soles. No open toed shoes or sling backs are permitted
Plain, grey or black tights or plain white, grey or black socks

Embroidered items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans are available from

Top One Uniforms 39 St. Johns Shopping Centre, Preston or **Bang Bang** 91 Lancaster Road, Preston. Other items can be bought from high street shops and supermarkets.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

P.E. Kit

PE kit and PE bags may be bought from **Top One Uniforms, 39 St. Johns Shopping Centre, Preston or Bang Bang, 91 Lancaster Road, Preston** or from high street shops or supermarkets.

Children require a full school PE kit to be kept in school, in a drawstring bag, during term times.

P.E. Uniform is:

Plain white t-shirt
Plain black or navy shorts / skorts (NOT cycling shorts)
A pair of plimsolls/ pumps – velcro fastenings are advisable for younger children, for indoor P.E. in the hall
Navy or black tracksuit jogging bottoms - embroidered with school logo - these can be purchased from school stockists or plain items may be purchased from high street shops or supermarkets
Plain black or navy trainers
NB: Please do not purchase items carrying a sport/designer badging eg Adidas/Nike etc

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed before coming to school.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused with the same item belonging to another child.

The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.