



LEAGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Striving for Excellence, learning for life’

UNIFORM POLICY

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NON - STATUTORY

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations

Uniform Policy

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. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Items of uniform can be bought from Prestige and Best Look, at very competitive prices. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents
- meets health and safety guidelines

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are a pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either green, white or black. Hair bands should not have attachments such as bows. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. 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.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Boots and canvas shoes are not school shoes and are not allowed.

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 written 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 from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will not apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

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. 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.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of green and grey.

<u>Boys Uniform</u>	<u>Girls Uniform</u>
Plain formal charcoal grey trousers (no combat pockets on legs or stretchy fabric)	Green jumper/cardigan with Leagrave Primary Logo
Green Jumper with Leagrave Primary Logo	Charcoal grey skirt or pinafore
Green polo shirt with Leagrave Primary Logo	Plain formal charcoal grey school trousers (no combat pockets on legs, jewelled charms hanging from waist or stretchy fabric)
Black/grey socks	Green polo shirt with Leagrave Primary Logo
Black school shoes (no boots or trainer style shoes)	Plain white ankle or knee length socks
	Grey/black tights in winter
	Black school shoes (no boots or trainer style shoes)
	Black/green headscarf (no longer than shoulder length, for health and safety reasons)
<u>Optional Summer Uniform</u>	
Plain – knee length – charcoal grey shorts	Green and white checked dress (not playsuits) Flat white sandals when worn with a summer dress

Pupils may continue to wear their summer uniform (see school website) from Easter until the October half term, weather permitting. After this, winter uniform should be worn.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

In order to participate fully in lessons each child should have a PE kit for use in school during the week.

This should include the following items of clothing:

- Black shorts
- Black tracksuit bottoms with Leagrave Primary logo
- Black tracksuit top with Leagrave Primary logo (for during the colder months)
- Black sports poly t-shirt with Leagrave Primary logo
- Black PE bag with Leagrave Primary logo
- Trainers or black plimsolls (not Converse or other canvas shoes)

The P.E. kit is part of the school uniform and should be considered as important as wearing uniform during other lessons.

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.

Level Trust – Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange is run by Luton charity Level Trust, which works in partnership with the school to give every child a level chance in education. They help children aged 3-16 by providing gift cards for school shoes and coats, running a Uniform Exchange 'swap shop' based in The Mall in Luton, giving out Learn Home resource packs full of the things children need for homework, and running a summer school packed with exciting and enriching experiences. Please click on the link below to access further information.

<https://www.leveltrust.org/projects/uniform-exchange/>

Uniform Supplier

The school uniform is available to purchase from the following suppliers:

Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd.
Unit 12 Barton Industrial Estate
Barton Le Clay
Bedfordshire
MK45 4RP

Bestlook
BL House
Dunstable
Bedfordshire
LU6 1LE

Tel: 01582 883222
Web: prestigedesignwww.co.uk

Tel: 01582 603603
Web: www.bldirect.co.uk

Pupil Non-Compliance

Please be aware of the Department of Education guidance on school uniform. (September 2013)

Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

A Headteacher, or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision schools need to consider the child's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the child's parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence. In either case the pupil's parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded. If a school is considering excluding a pupil in response to breaches of uniform policy, then this must be in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.

Please support the school by complying with this policy. It our aim to work together with parents to ensure together we reinforce the ethos of the school.