



Uniform Policy

Leaffield CE Primary School

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1. Introduction

All children are expected to wear school uniform when attending Leafield CE Primary School or participating in school-organised events outside normal hours.

This policy incorporates the latest Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, ensuring that our uniform is affordable, accessible and inclusive for all families.

A full list of required items is available on the school website.

2. Rationale

The ethos of our school is summed up in our motto: Be kind, Be curious, Be you!

We want our children to reflect our school ethos and show their sense of pride in their school. This is seen daily in the children's attitudes to learning and their behaviour. It is also shown through the appearance of our children each day, when we have visitors in school and when we go out on visits.

We want all children who come to our school to feel a sense of identity and belonging. Our uniform policy should reflect the high standards we expect of children and the high standards we achieve across the school.

3. Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes pride in the school
- Engenders community and belonging
- Is practical, smart and safe
- Identifies children as part of the school
- Reduces peer pressure and supports equality
- Is affordable and good value for money, in line with DfE guidance
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform makes children feel equal to their peers, is regarded as suitable wear and is designed with health and safety in mind.

4. School Uniform

Affordability and DfE Compliance

Following DfE statutory guidance, we ensure that:

- Branded items are kept to a minimum. Only essential branded items are required (see list below). All other items may be generic and purchased from any retailer.

- Second-hand uniform is available year-round. FOLS (School Association) provides low-cost, second-hand uniform, and the school holds donated items available free of charge.
- Uniform costs are reasonable. We regularly review prices and supplier arrangements to ensure value for money.
- No unnecessary items are required. Fashion items, expensive optional extras, or multiple branded items are not part of the required uniform.
- Religious, cultural and SEND needs are accommodated. Adjustments will be made where needed.

School Uniform Requirements

Required Branded Items

- Royal blue Leaffield sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Royal blue Leaffield Hoody (for PE)

Generic Items (no logo required, although available if you choose)

- White polo or cotton shirt
- Dark grey or black skirt or trousers (not denim, combat style or tight lycra)
- Black/ grey tights or white socks with skirts; plain dark socks with trousers

Summer Options

- Blue and white gingham-styled dress
- Smart black/ dark grey shorts

Footwear

Children are required to wear black formal school shoes in school (not trainers or calf/knee-length boots). These can be worn to and from school and inside the building. The laces should be black.

P.E. Requirements

- Black or blue shorts, plain tracksuit bottoms, leggings or skort
- Plain white T-shirt (logo optional)
- Black or white trainers or plimsolls
- Royal blue Leaffield PE hoody (required branded item)

All children should come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. For swimming, boys are required to wear swimming trunks or 'short' shorts (not shorts knee length or lower). For girls, a one-piece swimming costume. Children require a swimming cap, goggles (please sign the permission slip when provided) and a towel.

5. Lost Items

It is essential that all clothing is named, where possible with sewn-in labels (pen often fades). This ensures that we can return lost or left items to their rightful owner. Unnamed items will be placed in the lost property box on the playground, which can be accessed at drop-off and pick up. We will hold onto items for 6 weeks and then items will be donated to charity or the FOLS (Friends of Leaffield School Association) for resale.

6. Jewellery

- No jewellery except stud earrings and small religious items
- Watches permitted (not valuable or smart devices)
- Long hair must be tied back; hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours
- No makeup

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. Children are allowed to wear a watch, but not one of value or a smart watch. We ask the children to remove these objects before PE, games and swimming to prevent them from causing injury. Large dangling key rings or items of a similar nature are not allowed on bags. If children do come to school wearing jewellery, or the incorrect earrings, they will be asked to be removed and then returned at the end of the day.

For Health and Safety reasons, children with long hair (below the shoulders) must tie it back. Hair bands and clips should be in navy blue, black and should be discrete. If children have their hair down, a hair band will be provided, and children will be expected to tie their hair up. Children should not wear any makeup.

7. Forest School

Each term, different classes take part in Forest School. On these days, children must come to school in their 'woods' (clothes that they do not mind getting muddy or ripped). Long sleeves and tracksuit bottoms/leggings are recommended all year around, along with wet weather gear and wellies. These clothes should be practical and not fashionable. Underlayers are advised for the winter months.

8. School Visits

On most school visits, children will be expected to wear uniform as usual. The exception to this is visits involving outdoor activities, including residential trips. On these occasions, while uniform is not required, the rules on jewellery still apply and clothes should be practical, non-offensive and suitable for the activities concerned. Parents will be informed of what clothing is required before any visit and a kit list provided for residential.

9. Ordering Uniform

Uniform, such as jumpers, cardigans, PE jumpers, logo'd polo tops and t-shirts can be purchased from PMG School wear, along with book bags. Orders can be placed online:

[https://www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/Leafield C of E Primary School Witney](https://www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/Leafield_C_of_E_Primary_School_Witney)

Second-hand items can also be purchased from the FOLS (Friends of Leafield School Association) for a fraction of the cost. Sales of items occur at different points throughout the year, but do speak to the office if required sooner and this can be arranged. The school also holds on to some donated items which we can offer free of charge, please do speak to the office if you feel this would be of benefit to you.

10. Equality, SEND and Religious Considerations

In line with DfE guidance, the school will:

- Consider requests for variations for religious, cultural or medical reasons
- Make reasonable adjustments for children with SEND
- Ensure no child is disadvantaged due to uniform requirements

If there are any reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ, please make an appointment with the Headteacher through the office.

11. The role of parents

Parents must ensure their child wears correct, clean, well-maintained uniform. Where uniform is repeatedly incorrect, parents will be contacted.

12. The role of governors

Governors ensure the policy is fair, inclusive, affordable, and compliant with DfE guidance. 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 sensitively. 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 and practical.

