Leven CE Primary School
Uniform Policy
2023-2025

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo shirts/shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts, or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Leven CE Primary School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E., is included in this policy.

We believe that wearing a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, and reinforces a positive work ethos.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- Ensure clarify of what can be worn or not at school;
- Promote a sense of pride in our school;
- Help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- Support our commitment to inclusion;
- Prevent pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class;
- Ensure pupils’ uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- Ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Accessories

The only jewellery that children may wear are small, plain stud earrings or small, discreet watches. These must be removed for P.E. and swimming. If children cannot yet remove stud earrings they can be covered with a plaster or tape provided by home as a temporary measure. Hoop and dangly earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

The school does not take responsibility for any lost jewellery or watches.

Children with long hair will need to tie it back or wear a band in P.E. The teacher will decide about the safety of any children with hair that is long but cannot be tied back. If the teacher feels that the child's hair could be stepped on by another child on the apparatus, then they will not allow them to take part in the lessons. Parents/carers will be informed if this occurs.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn at school unless for an out-of-hours school function, for example a school disco.

Coats and bags must all fit on one peg. All basic equipment, i.e., pencils, rulers, handwriting pens, colouring pencils is provided by the school. Any additional equipment is brought at the families' own risk.

Lunchboxes should be named and taken home every day.

Water bottles should be named, and they will be kept in the classroom unless taken outside/to the hall for break times or sports activities.

Footwear

Sensible black shoes or black trainers should be worn at all times.

No open toed shoes or sandals should be worn for safety reasons. During cold weather ankle boots may be worn.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/earmuffs, scarf, and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts/short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and P.E. 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 or P.E. clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The Role of Staff

Staff should support the Senior Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform. They should ensure they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. When pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's 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 concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the Lost Property cabinet near the school office. Children are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset because of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with children's names.

Help Providing Uniform

The PTFA Preloved Uniform Sale provides items of secondhand school uniform to families for a small donation. Please visit the Leven School PTFA Facebook page for further information.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the Uniform Policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation regarding school uniform.

Reviewed: December 2023
Next Review: December 2025
Approved by Leven CE Primary School Governing Body: January 2024

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School Uniform List

Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items identified with the initials SL can be bought with the school logo on if preferred. Uniform with logos on can be purchased from H&K Embroidery in Driffield using the link: https://handk-2.myshopify.com/collections/leven-ce-primary-school

Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

School Uniform
Maroon Book Bag (SL) Plain white polo shirt (SL) Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers (not jogging bottoms or leggings) Please note skirts should be of a minimum of knee length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. Light blue and white checked or striped dresses Burgundy sweatshirt (SL) or cardigan (SL), without a hood, either plain or with the school logo Grey socks or tights Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school Children should wear shoes which they 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.
Plain black shorts

Plain black jogging bottoms

Maroon PE shirt (SL)

Maroon PE hoodie (SL) – optional

For P.E., appropriate footwear is essential; plain trainers (Velcro fastening for our youngest children) or plimsolls should be worn.