



LEEDON LOWER SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with the PE and health and safety policies

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Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and we expect parents to support our high expectations. If parents have difficulty in meeting any of our uniform requirements, we encourage them to talk to school, we can often help families to resolve this type of issue. Items with a school logo (*school branded*) are purchased directly from our main office but some items such as trousers, skirts, summer dresses and shorts can be purchased in the correct colours at a wide range of outlets.

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with a member of the senior leadership team if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

➤ **Parents and carers**

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean and appropriately sized
- In good condition
- Clearly labelled with the child's name (including shoes)

Parents are expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- Their child's medical conditions (with evidence from a qualified medical professional)
- The cost of the uniform and the financial impact on their family

➤ **School Uniform:**

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore (grey shorts in the summer months)
- Pale blue or white polo shirt (*unbranded*)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (*school branded*)
- Royal blue fleeces are available for **outdoor** use. School branded fleeces are available from the school but there is no expectation that the fleece must have a logo.

- In the warmer months blue checked summer dresses may be worn
- Grey, white or black socks
- Grey or black tights
- Black shoes with black sole. These can be trainers as long as there is no visible branding and they have a black sole. All pupils should wear plain black school shoes that are strong, safe and sensible, these may be the same trainers worn as part of PE Uniform on PE days. High heeled shoes, Crocs, slippers or boots are not acceptable to wear in school. Open toe sandals are not appropriate as they leave feet unprotected.



➤ **PE Uniform:**

Our PE uniform is compulsory as children wear their PE uniforms to school on days when they have PE. This supports full access to our PE curriculum without losing time changing clothing. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform. As we allow children to wear black trainers with black soles and no visible branding as school shoes, some parents may choose to purchase one pair of shoes which can be used for PE and on other school days too.

- Royal blue shorts or plain black leggings (often preferred for gymnastic activities)
- White or navy t-shirt (*school branded*)
- Navy, black or grey sweatshirt
- Navy, black or grey jogging bottoms
- Black or white trainers (plain with no visible branding)

If a sport or event requires additional sportswear or equipment parents will be notified. For example; football boots and shin pads may be required for matches.

➤ **Swimming:**

Year 4 pupils will have swimming lessons. Swimming costumes must be one piece and ensure suitable coverage for children. Boys should wear swimming trunks, not shorts. Pools require swimmers wear a swimming hat. Goggles are not required for swimming lessons, unless they are prescribed. No jewellery, including earrings can be worn in the water.

Book Bags/School Bags: Leedon school book bags are available to purchase directly from the school office. Please ensure any school bags that are purchased are a reasonable size. Larger size bags do not fit onto the cloakroom pegs.

Hair: Long hair (shoulder length and longer) must be tied back at all times, and we do not permit hairstyles such as 'Mohican styles', dyed, gelled or spiked hair, or styles with patterns or lines shaved in.

Hijabs: As a school, we are happy for pupils to wear a hijab as part of their religious dress, however, we do have the following requirements:

1. The hijab must be easily removed and replaced by the child, with no pins
2. Hijabs must be removed for PE lessons. This is due to health and safety concerns, alternatively a sports hijab may be worn during PE, with no loose material.
3. Hijabs should be made of navy blue, black or white fabric, to match school uniform

Jewellery: No jewellery is to be worn to school, except small stud earrings (**which must be removed for PE and swimming. Staff are not expected to remove pupils' earrings**). Hoop earrings and larger studs can be very dangerous and are unsuitable for school, as are necklaces, rings or bracelets. Simple watches may be worn, no Smart watches or items with alarms. If your child wears a piece of jewellery for religious reasons please contact the Headteacher to discuss how we can accommodate this safely.

Please carefully consider the impact of having your child's ears pierced during term time.

Poor weather

Children will need coats, hats, scarves and gloves in the colder months, please ensure they are named. Wellington boots can be worn to and from school and children should bring their school shoes to change into. Umbrellas cannot be dried or stored in school. If they are needed for journeys, we ask that parents take them home.

Lost Property: All items of property found around the school will be sent to the main office. Children and parents are encouraged to check here first if an item is lost. Named items will be returned to children as soon as possible.

➤ Pre- loved uniform:

Leedon Lower School has a small selection of pre-loved uniform available at minimal cost. Please speak to staff in the main office if you would like to purchase.