

Uniform Policy

Aims and objectives

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school event outside school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform can be found below.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- encourages a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class
- has been ethically manufactured
- does not act as a barrier to parents when choosing a school
- will meet the needs of individual pupils to accommodate their religion, ethnicity, disability or other special consideration

Clothing & Footwear

Black fine knit v-neck jumper **with or without school logo**

Official Leighton Academy tie (optional for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Black pleated skirt, tunic or tailored trousers. Shorts may be worn in warm weather

White shirt or blouse, short or long sleeved

Black tights, black or white socks

Children are expected to wear sensible, black, school shoes. Trainers must only be worn for PE lessons as they are sportswear items. Boots may be worn to school in cold weather but should be removed when children enter school and replaced with school shoes.

PE Kit

Children can come to school on PE days wearing their PE kit. For PE all children must wear a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain black jumper or sports jacket and trainers. Children are expected to wear the required kit as it is part of the school uniform.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The only exception being plain earring studs in pierced ears – these must be covered or removed during PE lessons.

Hair

The school strongly discourages children from having haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Children with long hair should have it tied back for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. Hair bands and clips should be in school colours which are black, white and blue.

Staff Dress

All staff should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. If staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit. Staff should therefore exercise professional judgement when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day. For particular activities, such as teaching PE, it sets a good example to pupils if staff also change into suitable clothing. For reasons of safety, staff should always change into suitable footwear for PE.

Parents/carers

We ask all parents and carers for their support of the school uniform policy. Parents should ensure that their child is in the correct school uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent feels there is a good reason why their child should wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, for example due to a religious objection or a disability, please bring this to the attention of the head teacher. In extremely hot weather, ties may be removed at the head teacher's discretion.

If a child does not wear the correct school uniform, a verbal or written (see letter in policies file) reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parent/carers and children will be given the correct items to wear during the school day. We expect parents to support this.

Local Advisory Board

It is the LAB's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

