



LOVELACE PRIMARY SCHOOL Uniform Policy

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Signatures recorded on paper copy in the school office

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside school. We ask children to take pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be purchased with the Lovlace 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 PE and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

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

Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity 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 children can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure children's uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that children are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish and Headscarves

Other than a plain stud earring children should not wear jewellery to school. This is for health and safety reasons as well as to prevent loss. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) themselves to participate in PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are so that stud earrings can be removed. To prevent injury earrings cannot be covered with either tape or plasters.

Please note: teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be as small as possible so that they do not become a distraction. These can either be burgundy, white or black only.



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

Children are free to wear a headscarf at Lovelace Primary School if they wish to. These must however be plain and not too long for health and safety reasons.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear Heelys or shoes with platform soles or high heels.

All pupils are required to wear sensible, flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Trainers are only permitted when children are wearing their PE kit they are not to be worn as a part of a child's school uniform.



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/ear-muffs, 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 short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents and Carers

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 condition 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 PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible.



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The Role of Staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where children fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a child's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a 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 leadership team 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 and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Help Providing Uniform

The school can provide some items of second hand uniform. Please ask our office staff for more information. The PFA – parent's association also hold second hand uniform sales regularly.




How to purchase uniform

Uniform is sold by PMG Schoolwear Chessington whose shop is on Hook Parade. Uniform is also available online from Mapac Schoolwear . Other shops and stores supply uniform but please ensure that colours match our school burgundy as variants are not acceptable.



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Our uniform

<p><u>Autumn & Winter / Cold Weather Uniform:</u></p> <p>Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with gold school logo.</p> <p>Plain black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress.</p> <p>White polo shirt (not a formal shirt)</p> <p>Grey/black tights.</p>	
<p><u>Summer / Warm Weather Uniform:</u></p> <p>As above, or</p> <p>Yellow and white checked or striped dress.</p> <p>Plain black, tailored shorts.</p>	
<p><u>Sports Uniform:</u></p> <p>PE Kit contained in a PE bag YR to Y6 – white crew neck T-Shirt, burgundy shorts and plimsolls or trainers</p> <p>A tracksuit may be worn during the autumn and winter months. This must be <u>plain black</u> and have no writing or images on.</p> <p>Swimming Kit: Girls – one-piece swimsuit. Boys – trunks / short swimming shorts. Towel. Swimming hat. *Swimming goggles- optional.</p>	



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