



**Lenham Primary School**

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## 1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Uniform containing the school name and logo can be purchased using this link on the school website:

<http://www.lenham.kent.sch.uk/parent-info/uniform/>

By accepting a place at Lenham Primary School parents/carers agree to support the uniform policy and high standards of appearance and pride in our school.

### Winter Uniform

Green 'Lenham Primary School' sweatshirt, or bottle green, plain jumpers or cardigans

Yellow polo shirt (years R-5)

White polo shirt, blouse or shirt (year 6 only)

Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress

White, black or grey socks or tights

Black shoes (not trainers)

Wellingtons

### Summer Uniform (optional)

Grey shorts

Green or Yellow checked summer dresses

### PE Kit

T-shirt in the appropriate house colour (yellow, red, green, blue)

Black shorts

Plimsolls / trainers

During the winter warm tracksuits and trainers may be worn for outdoor PE

## 2. Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Stimulates a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the child with the school
- Prevents children attending school in fashion clothes, and hair adornments that may be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

## 3. Naming

**All** clothes must be named. This includes PE kit, shoes, coats (hats scarves and gloves) as well as day to day uniform.

#### **4. Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school.

The only exceptions to this rule are: one pair of stud earrings in pierced ears. These must be removed by the pupil for PE lessons, or any activity deemed by staff to need strict safety measures.

#### **5. Hairstyles and Hairbands**

No child will be permitted to have a haircut (e.g. tramlines) or coloured in such a way that may cause a distraction to other children. Children with long hair must have it tied back.

Children are permitted to have a simple 'Alice' band in black, brown or green. Simple hair clips for keeping hair back are allowed. No other hair decoration is permitted and the children will be asked to remove it should anything be worn to school.

#### **6. Footwear**

Children are required to wear school shoes as stated on the uniform list. For health and safety reasons platform soles, high-heeled shoes or open toe sandals are not permitted as these are not suitable for children to wear. Trainers are not permitted as school shoes. They are designed for sport or leisurewear and are not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform. Children may wear flat ankle boots (black) during winter months, but are encouraged to wear plimsolls whilst in school, as they can be restrictive.

#### **7. Role of the Parent / Carer**

We ask that all parent/carers support our uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of the parents/carers is to ensure that their child's uniform is clean and in good repair.

If any parent has cause to modify the school uniform they must first make a representation to the Headteacher in the first instance. The school welcomes all children from a variety of backgrounds and faith communities. If there are religious reasons why a parent may request that their children wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will sympathetically consider such requests.

The parents/carers will ensure that all uniform is named.

#### **8. Role of the Governors**

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 with sensitivity.

It is the Governing body's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing and practical.

## **9. Monitoring and Review**

The Governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through the School Improvement Committee 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 with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform is implemented.

**Policy Review Date:**

**February 2020**