



DRESS CODE

The staff and governors of Lantern Lane Primary & Nursery School consider wearing school uniform embeds the C.A.R.E. values of our school. There is a school dress code and we expect all children to be tidily and sensibly dressed.

Our school uniform consists of the following:

- A dark green school cardigan/ sweatshirt/ fleece.
- White/dark green polo shirt or
- White blouse/shirt.
- Grey, tailored trousers/skirt/ pinafore/shorts (not leggings/jeggings).
- Green/white or gold/white gingham dress.
- Shoes (not trainers).
- White, black or grey socks/grey or green tights.
- Coat appropriate for weather conditions (coats, scarves, etc, not to be worn indoors).
- Swimming costume and towel are needed for swimming.

We insist on children changing for all physical activities. Shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls for indoor P.E. and games in the playground should be worn. Jewellery may not be worn. A warm jumper or track suit and appropriate waterproof footwear (e.g. trainers or football boots) are desirable for outdoor games on the playground or field.

For house activities, children will wear different coloured T-shirts. Each house is named after a local person – Bley house wear blue, Roulstone wear red, Mills house wear yellow and De Ferrers wear green.

School uniform, PE kit and house T-shirts are available from Big Fish Schoolwear at www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk or via the School office.

How will my child benefit from wearing the school uniform?

- Security is improved – it is easy to spot those who do not belong to the school community.
- Pupils feel a strong sense of belonging and commitment to the school
- It improves the image of the school in the local community.
- Sensible footwear is safer and more practical for activities at school
- It is more hygienic to change into PE kit for physical activity
- It creates a sense of purpose within the school environment.
- The differences between pupils are reduced, which in turn reduces some causes of isolation and bullying, and the self-esteem of pupils can be improved.

What is unacceptable in school?

- Large, dangling or hoop earrings, large chains and rings, body piercings and other items potentially causing health and safety problems for the wearer.
- High heels, flip flops, open sandals, trainers, highly coloured, glittery shoes, or other footwear which might be damaging.
- Clothing with words or pictures on them which could give offence to others.
- Clothing that is so tight, short or revealing that it could give offence to others.
- Clothing advertising the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
- Extremes of hair style, such as mohicans, shaved heads, and shaved patterns in the hair.
- Nail varnish and make up.

Support from Parents

Lantern Lane Primary & Nursery School expects parents to be aware of the advantages of a dress code for school pupils and support the code for their child/children.

If a pupil is unwilling to comply with the dress code adopted by the school the following procedure will be followed:

- The pupil will be asked to comply with the dress code.
- The school will store uniform which the child will be asked to wear while they are in school.
- Contact will be made with home by letter or a telephone call from the school.
- Parents will be invited to the school to discuss the dress code.
- Parents will advise the school in advance if other clothing needs to be worn.
- The school will offer assistance with buying or loaning uniform where genuine need is established.

Refusal to comply will be dealt with in accordance with the behaviour policy.

Support from Staff

Lantern Lane staff are also expected to adhere to a dress code and to be sensibly and tidily dressed at all times. Details of the dress code are in the staff handbook which is reviewed annually and given to all new staff at induction.