

Lainesmead Primary School and Nursery



Appearance and Dress Policy

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Lainesmead Primary School and Nursery Appearance and Dress Policy

Philosophy

Lainesmead Primary School is committed to high expectations of all and to maintaining high standards. A neat and tidy appearance is a factor in helping to establish positive attitudes. Pupils have responsibilities to the community to which they belong and the wearing of school uniform demonstrates this. By following the uniform and appearance policy they present a smart and disciplined image which invites the respect of others within and outside the School community. It takes into consideration the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE).

Aims

We expect a high standard of personal appearance of all pupils. Through our uniform and appearance policy we aim to:

- Create a sense of belonging to the school community through a common dress code
- Instil pride in the school
- Help pupils to understand the importance of presenting themselves in an appropriate manner ready to learn
- Support positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourage identity with, and support for, the school ethos
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils
- Eliminate hierarchies based on socio-economic, religious or cultural grounds
- Enable pupils to feel that they are a valued member of the school community irrespective of ethnicity, gender, religion or socio-economic background
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way

To achieve our aims we will:

- Expect all pupils to wear school uniform and conform to acceptable standards of appearance
- On admission to the school, ensure that parents are informed as to what is acceptable as school dress
- Make adequate provision for the availability and purchasing of such items
- Expect pupils to bring a note if they are unable for any reason to wear the correct school uniform
- Follow up any deviations from the agreed standards and if necessary further enlist the co-operation of parents

- Retain a supply of school uniform which will be issued to any pupil wearing anything other than the correct uniform and who cannot be sent home with a parent to change.
- Persistent failure to follow the policy on dress and appearance will be treated as defiance and could lead to Governor involvement.

Success Criteria

- Pupils take a pride in their appearance and understand the importance of personal presentation
- All pupils consistently wear correct school uniform
- Class teachers will support pupils who are not in school uniform
- Pupils feel they belong to the school community and are valued, irrespective of ethnicity, gender, religion or socio-economic background
- Parents provide pupils with a note if they are unable to send them to school in full uniform

Nursery Uniform:

A Lainesmead sweatshirt/plain navy sweatshirt or jumper

White, Light Blue or Navy polo shirt

Black or grey plain jogging bottoms

Flat plain black/brown shoes or plain trainers (not multi-coloured)

Wellies

Boys' uniform

A Lainesmead sweatshirt/plain navy sweatshirt or jumper (Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted)

White, Light Blue or Navy polo shirt

Black or grey trousers

Flat black/brown shoes

Dark socks - brightly coloured socks are not acceptable

Girls' winter uniform

A Lainesmead sweatshirt/a plain navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted)

White, Light Blue or Navy polo shirt

Black or grey trousers or skirt

Flat black/brown shoes

White socks or plain black/white/grey tights - brightly coloured socks or tights are not acceptable

Boys' summer uniform

In summer boys may wish to wear black or grey school shorts

Girls' summer uniform

In summer girls may wish to wear black or grey school shorts or a navy blue and white striped or checked (gingham style) dress.

All children in Nursery and Reception are expected to have a pair of Wellies in school at all times.

Appropriate traditional school sandals with closed toes (i.e. no flip flop style, heels or strappy sandals) can be worn in school in the summer term/first half of the autumn term.

Additional Items:

Blue Fleece jackets

Book bags

Dap bags

Polo shirts

School caps are also available from the uniform shop bearing the school logo.

PE Kit

Indoor/outdoor

Plain black PE shorts

Plain black jogging bottoms (without writing) for the colder months

A plain house coloured T-shirt (all children are placed in a House Team)

Black daps or trainers for PE (that should only be worn for PE)

Swimming

Swimming trunks or swimming shorts for boys

One-piece swimming costume for girls

Haircuts and headgear

Haircuts should be neat, tidy and conventional. Extreme and extravagant hairstyles in terms of cut or unnatural colour are NOT permitted. Hair should be kept neat with accessories, such as hair bands, that are blue or black. Large, brightly coloured hair bows or animal bands are not acceptable. Hats and caps may be worn outside but not inside the school building or during lessons

Make-up

Make-up including nail varnish is not allowed. Tattoo transfers are not permitted.

Jewellery

- One watch
- One small plain stud earring in each ear

No other visible piercings allowed

Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated.

On PE days, staff will strongly encourage children to leave their earrings at home. All jewellery and watches should be removed for all PE. Parents will be requested to send in plasters for recently pierced ears until they heal. An indemnity form will be issued to parents in the event of lack of cooperation on this issue.

Under Article 9.1 of the Human Rights Act, a student or parent has the right to **request** the wearing of items that 'manifest their religion'. Such requests must be made to the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors in writing or in person.

At all times, the Lainesmead uniform must conform to Health and Safety standards and be suited to the activities being undertaken by students. It is important that all our pupils look and feel good about themselves, which is why we insist on high standards of dress and appearance. We hope our uniform requirements are seen as both practicable and reasonable. Our uniform helps pupils to achieve these high standards and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that our uniform is worn as intended.

The above dress code may be suspended by the school in order that the pupils may make voluntary contributions to a on "non-uniform days".