

# Lainesmead Primary School



## Policy on Appearance and Dress

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### Signatures

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## Appearance and Dress Policy

### Philosophy

Lainesmead Primary School is committed to maintaining high standards and believes that a neat and tidy appearance is a factor in helping to establish positive attitudes. Pupils have responsibilities to the community to which they belong. One of these is to demonstrate their commitment to the School community. 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

- The school currently has 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 exclusion.

### **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 (2017-2018):**

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.

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

### **Swimming**

Swimming trunks or swimming shorts for boys

One-piece swimming costume for girls

### **Headgear**

Hats and caps may be worn outside but not inside the school building or during lessons. Large, brightly coloured hair bows are not acceptable.

### **Haircuts**

These should be neat, tidy and conventional. Extreme and extravagant hairstyles in terms of cut or unnatural colour are NOT permitted. It should not be cropped very short or have ridges. Shaved styles less than a number 2 are NOT permitted. Hair should be kept neat with accessories that are blue or black.

### **Make-up**

Make-up including nail varnish is not allowed. 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.

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 charity on "non-uniform days".