

St Luke's CE First School

Uniform Policy



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Introduction

Our pupils are required to wear uniform throughout their time at St Luke's C E First School. Our smart school uniform reflects the school's focus on high standards of presentation, fosters and embodies a sense of belonging to the school community and promotes equality for all. Our aim is that our uniform upholds our standards whilst remaining affordable to all our families.

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- In consultation with the Headteacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Board.
- Providing pupils with exemptions as appropriate e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

Teaching and support staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.

- Taking appropriate action when pupils are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g. to establish school identity.

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g. to develop a sense of belonging.

Cost and Availability

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.

Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

For children in receipt of Free School Meals, the school will offer 25% off uniform. This will apply to **one** of each item needed, including shoes, each academic year. We will require parents to provide us with receipts for the items purchased in order for the school to be able to reimburse the money.

School also holds some good quality spare/second hand uniform, which will be offered to parents who request support with buying uniform.

Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

School Uniform Supplier

For our official school uniform items can be purchased from -

Orchard Clothing

Unit 30

Dunlop Road

Redditch

B97 5XP

www.orchardclothing.co.uk

My Clothing

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-lukes-first-school-18105>

Our Uniform

The uniform is as follows:

White/blue/yellow shirt or polo shirt

Grey dress/skirt/trousers/shorts/summer dress

St Luke's logo cardigan / jumper or plain royal blue cardigan/jumper

Grey/white/black socks/tights

Black shoes

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Our PE Kit

Children are asked to come into school on the days of their PE lessons wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

- navy blue jogging bottoms and top/sweatshirt (St Luke's logo or plain sweatshirt)
- plain white T-Shirt / St Luke's logo t-shirt
- blue/black shorts
- white or black pumps/trainers

Plain jogging bottoms, hoodies/sweatshirts are preferred. However, a small, branded logo is acceptable.

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Forest School Clothing

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their Forest School session wearing their Forest School clothing. Parents/carers will be informed of their children's Forest School days via Class Dojo reminders.

Their usual uniform must be brought in for them to change into as children may get muddy and/or wet.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their child is dressed appropriately for Forest School and brings their uniform to change back into.

Forest School clothing is as follows:

- Waterproof coat (or waterproof jacket in warmer weather) ☒
- Comfortable tracksuit bottoms or leggings (not shorts)
- Long-sleeved top
- Wellington boots or old trainers
- Appropriate hat for the weather
- Scarf and gloves (in colder weather)

Additional items include:

- Waterproof trousers
- Spare socks
- Spare underwear

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of **stud** earrings (no other piercings are permitted)
- A wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example, PE lessons / swimming lessons. If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of PE/activity taking place.

School Bag

Pupils must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage.

Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space on children's pegs.

Hair Styles

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style.

Long hair should be tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded.

Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands are acceptable, preferably in school colours.

Adverse Weather

Hot Weather

Everyone working at/attending the school during hot weather conditions is required to wear sun-safe clothing that covers as much of their skin as possible.

This includes wearing:

- Loose fitting tops with collars or covered necklines
- Tops that cover the shoulder area
- Grey or black shorts or pale blue and white summer dresses of an appropriate length (if families wish to)
- Sun-safe hats
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Sunscreen (children must be able to apply this themselves and it must be labelled and handed to the child's class teacher)

During hot weather, lightweight clothing is required to reduce the risk of overheating. Pupils are not required to wear their jumpers/cardigans during heatwaves.

If outside during break and lunch times, pupils not wearing sun-safe clothing/sunscreen are advised to stay in an area protected from the sun.

Cold Weather

During cold weather, pupils are encouraged to wear scarves, gloves, coats and hats when they are outside.

Additional layers underneath the usual school uniform are accepted.

Where possible, pupils not wearing warm clothing are provided with spare clothing if going outside during break and lunch times.

Labelling

School staff encourage good organisation of clothing and footwear, for example, designated spaces for children to keep belongings in and checking of labels. However, all pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name.

Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school.

If a child goes home in another child's clothing by accident, for example, their jumper, parents/carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school to their child's class teacher.

Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for a term before being added to the school's spare uniform supply.

