

LUNT'S HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Lunt's Heath Primary School Safeguarding Statement

“Lunt's Heath Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and visitors to share this commitment.”

Lunt's Heath Primary School Equality Statement

“Lunt's Heath Primary School promotes equal opportunities for all pupils, staff and service users. We ensure that all persons have equal access to the full range of opportunities provided by the school. We celebrate diversity and actively encourage respect for all as well as promoting fairness and justice in the education that we provide.”

SCOPE

At Lunt's Heath Primary School we recognise the importance of our strong, cohesive, unique identity and in creating a sense of belonging for all children. School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform (including PE kit) when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

AUTHORITY

There is no legislation in place that deals specifically with school uniform or other aspects of appearance. Nevertheless, Lunt's Heath Primary School has considered the DfE guidance, Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998 in formulating this policy.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Lunt's Heath Primary School gives priority to the highest possible standards of pupil behaviour and attitudes to teaching and learning. The Governing Body believes a strict uniform policy assists the delivery of such standards in our school.

The Governing Body understands their obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 as well as under equality law, ensuring that this Uniform Policy does not discriminate because of race, religion or belief, gender, disability, gender reassignment or sexual orientation.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

RESPONSIBILITY

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 Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring the fair application of this policy. The Headteacher has the authority to sanction children for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform (see Behaviour Discipline Policy and Exclusion Policy).

The Headteacher may ask the child to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. When making this decision the Headteacher will consider the child's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take and the availability of the child's parents.

If a child continues to breach the uniform rules then absence may be counted unauthorised. In all cases the parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded.

Each class teacher has a responsibility to check that all children comply with the uniform code. Where children breach this code, the teacher will seek the advice of the Headteacher in immediately correcting the child's uniform.

Parents who send their children to our school are asked to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform which includes PE kit, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for their child, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher in writing. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious and genuine reasons, for example due to religious or other beliefs or as a result of identity, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests and may allow for departure from the Uniform Policy where considered appropriate.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

Jewellery

On grounds of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, for example a religious symbol on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Permitted earrings are gold or silver stud only – no stones or patterned earrings.

Make-up

The wearing of any form of make-up is prohibited, this includes nail varnish. Any children wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately.

Hairstyles

For reasons of health and safety children with long hair (beyond shoulder length) must have it tied back.

Footwear

To complement our uniform we require all children to wear sensible dark coloured shoes, preferably black.

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, or flimsy footwear such as sandals, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults – training shoes can be seen as a fashion item and are built with sport functionality in mind. Therefore they are not permitted to be worn in school by children on a regular basis as a part of the standard school uniform.

School Uniform

Please clearly mark all items of clothing with your child's name

Plain white shirt (short-sleeve preferred) and school tie (navy and bottle green)
Grey skirt or pinafore or trousers
Navy with bottle green trim school cardigan or V-neck jumper with logo
Grey socks or plain grey tights
Flat black shoes (not trainers or open toe / heel sandals)
Bottle green or navy blue hair tie or ribbons or bands

During the summer term the following may be worn:

Grey tailored shorts
Plain white shirt or blouse or Polo shirt (short-sleeve)
Green & white summer dress with long or short white socks

PE Kit

Indoor

Bespoke green and black T-shirt with black and green shorts and black pumps
Black pumps

Outdoor

Bespoke green and black T-shirt with black and green shorts
Plain (Rhino) grey pullover sweatshirt and jog pants
(For reasons of health and safety hooded tops are not suitable for school)
Trainers for outdoor PE
Small drawstring PE bag for kit

During COVID-19 children are asked to attend in full PE kit on designated PE days.

Suitable Bags

Green school book bag
Drawstring PE bag
Book bag for homework etc that must fit in child's tray – no back packs please as there is insufficient space to house them safely

Uniform can be purchased from;

BOYDELLS

17-19, Victoria Road,

Widnes

Tel: 0151 424 3257

www.boydellsport.com

KITS FOR ALL

115 Albert Road,

Widnes

Tel: 0151 420 7504

<http://www.kitsforall.personalisedclothing.com/>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- DfE School Uniform Guidance 2013
- Education Act 2002 – Section 21
- Education and Inspections Act 2006 – Section 88
- Inclusion & SEND Policy
- Single Equity Policy and associated suite of policies
- School Prospectus
- Behaviour Discipline Policy
- Health & Safety Policy

Signed (Head Teacher):

Date: 12.11.20



Signed (Chair of Governors):

Date: 12.11.20

