



Uniform Policy			V1.2
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Objectives and Context

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family. It promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

At Lytchett Matravers Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- ⤴ looks smart
- ⤴ wears well
- ⤴ contributes to a sense of belonging
- ⤴ gives a common purpose
- ⤴ fosters a feeling of pride
- ⤴ reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

All children should wear the uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform is readily available and inexpensive.

Our School Uniform

- ⤴ Grey trousers, skirts, or shorts, or a 'gingham' pink/red and white checked-style summer dress
- ⤴ Long or short sleeved white shirt/blouse, or a white 'polo' style shirt. We would recommend polo style shirts in reception classes
- ⤴ Lytchett Matravers Primary School sweatshirt, with embroidered school logo, available from the PTA shop at the school
- ⤴ Low-heeled black shoes suitable for active play
- ⤴ Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- ⤴ Suitable coat except during hot weather.

To avoid doubt, t-shirts, trainers, high heel shoes and open toed sandals are not permitted.

P.E. and Games Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (outdoors) or plimsolls (indoors) should be worn. Uniform may vary depending on the age of the children, the type of P.E. (i.e. Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics) and where the lesson takes place but, as a rule, children in Key Stage 2 (years 3 upwards) should have a full change of clothing available for PE. Class teachers will make children aware of specific requirements.

Standard PE Kit consists of blue shorts, a plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls plus a smart tracksuit trousers during cold weather. These should be kept in a named drawstring shoe bag. (Strong purple kit bags, with the school logo, are available from the PTA at the school). The kit should be kept in school and taken home at weekends and the end of term to be washed.

Parents should label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

Fashion Items/Other

Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons including as health & safety and inclusion, fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel and jewellery, other than watches, should not be worn.

If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but we strongly recommend that these should be removed during PE lessons. If parents do not wish studs to be removed, they should be taped over during PE. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed during physical activity.

Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly with plain or pink/white checked bands or 'scrunchies'. This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety; a pupils' face should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

A parent may make a request in writing to vary the school's uniform policy in an individual case on the grounds of religion or belief, or because of a child's temporary or permanent medical condition. The Headteacher will consider such requests carefully and respond within a reasonable time. If the parent is unhappy with the response, an appeal can be made through the school's standard Complaints Policy.

The Headteacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform Policy. Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the Uniform Policy are persistent and defiant. The Headteacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may ask a pupil to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance. In such a case, parents will be notified and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.