



Kells Lane Primary School Uniform Policy

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- is suitable, practical and smart
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prevents pupils coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, for example, on religious or health grounds, why parents want their child to be able to deviate from the requirements of this policy, for example in the clothes they wear, their hairstyles or jewellery, or if they have any concerns about the policy, then please inform the headteacher. The school appreciates the need to implement this policy fairly and sensitively and as such will give careful consideration to any such requests or concerns. However, priority is at all times given to health and safety requirements.

The Role of Governors

The governing body fully supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is wearing a watch.

Extreme Haircuts and General Appearance

The school does not permit pupils to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other pupils. Parents should also be aware that tattoos, nail varnish or any form of make-up are not permitted. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines).

Footwear

Pupils should wear black shoes or black trainers to school (MUST BE PLAIN BLACK - NO LOGOS). Pupils may wear plain black boots to school. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear high-heeled shoes, shoes with platform soles and open-toed sandals so we do not allow this.

Uniform

The Kells Lane Primary School uniform can be purchased once a term from the Kells Lane School Fundraising Group. However, uniform items can also be purchased from other suppliers, as long as they reflect the appropriate school colours as identified within our School Uniform Policy. All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the pupil's name:-

- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or tank-top, preferably with school logo
- Red or white polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- Grey or black school trousers or shorts
- Grey or black straight or pleated school skirt or grey pinafore dress. In summer red/white checked (not striped) dress.
- Preferably plain red, black or grey tights
- Plain ankle or knee-length socks – preferably grey, black or white
- Black shoes or black trainers (MUST BE PLAIN BLACK – NO LOGOS)
- School bags: Pupils may purchase a red or black Kells Lane book bag or use a sturdy and practical bag of their choice

PE

- Plain white PE t-shirt (with or without school logo but no other logos)
- Black PE shorts (no logo)
- Plain black track suit or plain black joggers and black sweatshirt for outdoor use
- Trainers or plimsolls for outdoor use
- Drawstring bag (clearly labelled with pupil's name)

Swimming (KS2)

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- One-piece swimming costume (girls)

Extreme Weather

Pupils should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is recommended that pupils have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to pupils before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Waterproof coats should be provided for inclement weather.

As outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, the pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate waterproof coat for wet days.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

Non-Adherence

The Headteacher can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform and this will be carried out in accordance with the school's behaviour policy. The Headteacher may contact a parent to send a pupil home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision the school will consider the ease and time it will take and the availability of the pupil's parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence.

Complaints and Challenges to School Uniform Policy

Disputes about school uniform should be pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy.