



## Green Lea First School

### School Uniform Policy 2023

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours.

At Green Lea First School, our uniform provides children with a sense of community and reflects the highest standards alongside being practical. On the School Uniform page of our website there is a list of required items which can be sourced from a range of retailers, including most supermarkets. Our branded items featuring our Green Lea logo are available from: <https://tailoredbranding.shop/Green-Lea-First-School-Primary>

#### **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.

Our volunteer group 'Friends of Green Lea' also have a supply of second hand uniform available, they are always grateful of any donations as well. The school office can put you in contact.

It is hoped that parents will support this by ensuring that their children come to school dressed in uniform clothing as below:

Children need to be appropriately dressed for various weather conditions and activities in school. We want the uniform to be both smart, to reflect the highest standards alongside being practical.

### Girls

- Grey skirt or trousers
- Yellow polo shirt (with logo optional)
- Green jumper or cardigan (with logo optional)
- Green gingham summer dress (optional)
- Black shoes
- Grey/white tights or socks
- Pair of wellington boots/Winter boots and outdoor coveralls

### Boys

- Grey trousers
- Yellow school polo shirt (with logo optional)
- Green school jumper (with logo optional)
- Grey shorts
- Black shoes
- Grey/black socks
- Pair of wellington boots/Winter boots and outdoor coveralls

### Physical Education (PE) Kit

- Yellow school t-shirt (with logo optional)
- Black shorts or joggers
- Outdoor trainers
- Green hoody (with logo optional)

### Sunhats

- It is also recommended that all children wear a suitable protective sunhat in the summer.

**All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.**

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are: ear-ring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. Watches can be worn around the wrist but **MUST** be removed before PE.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

### **Hair**

Hair may not be of unnatural colour or style. If the hair colour or style is not suitable, the school has the right to inform the parents by letter or telephone that the child's hair colour/style must be returned to normal within 3 days. If this does not occur the school will exercise its right to temporarily suspend the child from school until the matter is resolved. The school would hope that all parties could come to an amicable solution if such a situation occurred. Pupils with longer than shoulder length hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

### **Make Up**

Under no circumstances can make up or nail varnish be worn by any pupil.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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 school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

### **Policy to be reviewed February 2024**

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'