



LONG DITTON
INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

School Uniform Policy

Last Reviewed Autumn 2020

Next Review – Summer 2021

This policy has been written in line with the DFE Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities.

1. AIMS

At Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School we expect all children to wear appropriate school uniform and clothing. We believe this shared uniqueness gives children a sense of belonging and helps them to take pride in their school and their appearance.

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School asks that children wear school uniform so that as a school our children:

- Have a sense of identity, cohesion and pride within our school
- Support and promote the Values and Ethos of our school
- Are dressed appropriately for learning activities both inside and outside the classroom
- Feel equal to each other in terms of appearance and avoid unnecessary peer pressure to dress in fashion clothing
- Share in a common identity which embraces and respects all backgrounds, religions and beliefs

We try to encourage our children to begin to take responsibility for their own appearance and to manage and look after their own clothing as independently as possible to develop self-esteem and an understanding of responsibility.

We want parents to know and understand that it is their responsibility to ensure their child comes to school dressed appropriately following our uniform policy.

| Nursery Uniform | PE Kits for Nursery |
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| Sensible clothing that can be put on and taken off easily and independently Clothing that is easy to wash and keep clean Optional Red Long Ditton Nursery Jumper Sensible Velcro fastening shoes or shoes that can be put on or taken off easily A bag to take home work, books and | We do not have a PE kit for nursery but would expect the clothes they wear to be suitable for active play at all times A bag (could be red school bag) to put spare clothes in |

creations

Reception, Year and Year 2 Uniform

Grey shorts, trousers, pinafore, or skirt

White polo shirt

Red sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece

Red Long Ditton Logo Jumper

Red and white dress (summer)

Grey or white socks, grey or red tights

Black shoes

Red book bag (optional with logo)



Reception, year 1 and Year 2 PE Kit

· Plain White T-shirt or polo

· Red shorts

· Trainers or plimsolls

· Grey track suit (for outdoor P.E.)

· Red P.E. bag (optional with logo)



2. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our uniform is regarded as suitable wear for school and is designed with health and safety in mind. Available from many different shops, it is practical and is easy to maintain.

Wearing school uniform also assists the identification of strangers on school premises and can help identify children when taking part in educational visits away from school.

3. EQUALITY AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Governing Body is mindful of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 in its uniform policy and regulations. It is the intention of the Governing Body that our uniform facilitates race, religious and disability equality. To this end, the Governing body aims to act reasonably in accommodating religious requirements. The Governing Body will consider any request to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate religion or belief.

Uniform will always be practical such that it does not adversely affect disabled pupils. Parents may request a reasonable adjustment of uniform if this is an issue for a particular reason for any child.

Our uniform does not discriminate on the basis of gender.

The Governing Body accepts that there may be uniform variations necessary due to medical conditions

4. UNIFORM COST

Our basic uniform items are readily available so that there is flexibility of purchase arrangements. These items may last beyond one year, thus keeping costs down.

We include a logo to represent us and although this is preferable it is not mandatory for children to have a jumper with school logo on.

5. GENERAL

Watches – Smart watches, fit bits and any other digital device that can connect to the internet or be used to take photos or track children should not be brought into school. Governors believe that, in the best interests of the children in our school and considering the young age of our children, only simple analogue watches or simple digital watches (that do not beep, track or do anything else other than tell the time) are acceptable. If a child comes to school with anything that looks like a fit bit or smart watch they will be asked to take it off and it will be returned at the end of the day.

Jewellery - No items of jewellery should be worn in school, unless for religious reasons. If religious items are worn they should be neatly tucked inside clothing for health and safety reasons. The school cannot be responsible for lost jewellery. **Earrings** – While we recommend that earrings are not worn at all in school we understand that this is a personal choice that parents and carers can make. As a school we recommend only small stud earrings are worn during the school day. For PE we recommend that they are removed at home before coming to school or before PE lessons. Children unable to remove earrings will be required to make them safe by taping, front and back. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball). This is in line with guidance from the Association for Physical Education 2017. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, we suggest this is done at the start of the summer holidays, as once studs are put in they cannot be removed for several weeks. We recommend that children in our nursery do not come to school with any items of jewellery, including earrings, due to the nature of play.

Extreme Haircuts - The school does not allow children to have 'extreme' haircuts or unnatural hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children or impacts on the ethos of the school.

Long Hair – We encourage parents to tie long hair back in order to help prevent the spread of head lice.

Hair Accessories – Sensible hair accessories such as slides, hair bands, ribbons, bobbles can be worn as long as they are fairly simple and manageable.

Make Up - Wearing make-up or nail varnish is not allowed in school unless for a special 'dress up' day such as World Book Day, International Week, disco or History Week.

Footwear - We expect children to come to school wearing sensible, black shoes. On the grounds of health and safety and ensuring our children are able to grow into healthy adults,

we do not allow platform soles, jellies or heels in school. All trainers should be plain black in order to continue with the smart appearance of our school uniform. Open toe sandals, flip flops or slip on shoes are not allowed due to health and safety as we do not consider them safe for young children to wear for the active school day.

Coats - All of our children will be accessing learning both inside and outside during all types of weather. It is essential that they come to school each day prepared for the changeable weather conditions of our country.

Autumn and Winter - All children should come to school with a warm waterproof coat

Spring and Summer – All children should come to school with a light waterproof coat.

6. THE ROLE OF PARENTS/ CARERS

We ask all parents/carers to support the school uniform policy. We want our pupils to feel proud of our school and to wear our school uniform so that they feel part of the school and are ready for learning.

Every item of clothing that a child wears to school should be marked clearly with their name. We are unable to accept liability for lost clothes, but if they are lost we will do our best to trace them.

7. THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers any representations from parents / carers regarding uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. The Governing Body also ensures the policy is in line with equal opportunities regulations.

8. COMPLAINTS

Complaints about school uniform or dress are dealt with in accordance with the Governing Body complaints procedure.