



School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

From September 2017, Livingstone Primary School introduced a school uniform. From September 2023, it is now compulsory for all children except the Nursery. From September 2021, it will be compulsory for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Nursery have the choice whether to wear it or not.

2. Equality Statement

At Livingstone, we will ensure that at every level, in all our work and throughout all aspects of the school community and its life, all will be treated equally, with respect and dignity, free from discrimination and harassment. Each person will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential regardless of their age, disability, gender, gender-identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity (refers to staff / employment), socio-economic background and special educational needs. Our school will tackle the barriers which could lead to unequal outcomes for these protected groups, ensuring there is equality of access and that we celebrate and value the diversity within our school community. The school will work actively to promote equality and foster positive attitudes and commitment to an education for equality.

3. 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.

4. School Uniform Content

Bottle Green Sweatshirt / Cardigan with embroidered logo (plain are acceptable).

Gold polo shirt (no logo)

Grey trousers / school shorts / skirt / pinafore

Grey tights / socks

Black school shoes

There will also be the choice to wear a green check / stripe 'school' dress in the summer.

5. Uniform Stockists

The gold polo shirt and grey bottoms can be bought from any shop that stocks uniform - Tesco, Asda, Marks and Spencer, Debonair in Ashton and the School Wear shop in Greenfield as they are basic bits of uniform without logos. They are quite cheap. For example, three polo shirts are available from Tesco for £4.50.

We stock the sweatshirt and cardigan ourselves. We will have a certain number in stock and you will be able to buy it from the office at cost price. As at September 2023, this will be £9.10 - £10.80 for a sweatshirt and £10.00 - £11.40 for a cardigan. We will order at regular intervals to ensure that we have a stock of different sizes.

We welcome donations of second-hand school uniform and when stock levels get high, we will offer it free of charge to any parent that wants it. Please make sure that any donations are clean and of a reasonable quality before donating it to school. Parents are always welcome to ask us to check whether we have a certain size in our second hand stock before making a purchase.

6. Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platforms or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

7. 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, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix 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.

8. 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. 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.

9. The role of Governors

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

10. Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.