



Lowerhouse Junior School, Burnley

UNIFORM POLICY	
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Inspiring a lifelong love for learning

Aspiration

Integrity

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Resilience

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Aims

Through this policy we aim to ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

There are many positive reasons for a school dress code, including:

- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging
- A dress code encourages students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances
- A dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because they project a neat, serious, business-like image
- Dress codes can be less expensive
- Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing
- It is designed with health and safety in mind
- It prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- A dress code makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan (* Year 6 pupils wear a purple sweatshirt)
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers – no jeans
- Grey or black skirt
- Grey pinafore
- Black, flat, sensible, safe, closed toe shoes
- Grey socks or tights
- **Summer Options**
- Grey or black shorts
- Blue gingham dresses – blue (white socks are acceptable for summer uniform)
- Any cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit (to be worn on PE days instead of usual day-to-day uniform as above)

- Navy blue T-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- School sweatshirt
- Black or dark blue/navy thick leggings/jog pants
- Sports socks
- Black plain trainers

Footwear - Pupils should wear smart and sensible black school shoes only

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and they are not permitted in school. Neither do we allow the wearing of trainers, training-style shoes or canvas pumps to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear (playtimes). Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Boots are only permitted in the winter season and a change of footwear must be brought to change into at school. If children come into school with inappropriate footwear they will be asked to change into PE pumps for the remainder of the school day.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles must be sensible and appropriate for school, extreme haircuts are not acceptable.

- Hair should be no shorter than a number 2 razor cut.
- Trim lines or patterns are not allowed.
- Extreme colouration or particularly noticeable variations in colour or length are not allowed.
- Long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied back.
- Hair extensions, hair wraps, braided hair are not allowed.
- Hair accessories must be small and in Lowerhouse uniform colours.
- Hair gel is not permitted in school.

The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school. Plain watches may be worn.

Make-Up

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Equipment

- Pencil cases and other stationary equipment are not required in school as the school provides all the resources/equipment that children may need.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Headteacher. If permission is granted, the mobile phone should be left in the main office on arrival to school and collected at the end of the school day
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose
- Pupils should bring their book bag into school everyday
- Other bags (for example, rucksacks) are not permitted in school as they are not necessary
- A packed lunch bag/box if a packed lunch is brought in from home

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a pupil breaches the Uniform Policy parents will be notified and the pupil may be disciplined. In these situations parents will be expected to rectify the situation for the following day.

Exclusion/suspension may be considered where breaches of the Uniform Policy are 'persistent and/or 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 to collect their child and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in September 2025.

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