

St. Lawrence College

Junior School

Uniform

Policy



Our school is one community, united in our respect for each other, tolerant of differences and proud of our diversity, honest and positive about our learning and behaviour every day.

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At St. Lawrence College, we believe that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. The school therefore expects high standards of personal appearance and that all students should wear school uniform to and from school, during the school day and on journeys, events and visits arranged by the school. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

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 belonging
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

The St. Lawrence Junior School uniform can be purchased at the school uniform shop. All children, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 6, must wear the appropriate school uniform. It is essential that your child's full name (not only initials) is on all items of clothing in order to identify and return anything lost or misplaced. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost items.

The requirements of our school uniform are detailed below:

WINTER UNIFORM

- Navy blue St Lawrence crew neck sweatshirt
- Navy blue St Lawrence track-suit bottoms
- White, long-sleeved St. Lawrence polo shirt
- Navy blue trousers/skirt
- St Lawrence zip fleece jacket

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Navy blue St. Lawrence shorts
- Navy blue St. Lawrence track-suit bottoms
- Navy blue trousers/skirt
- White, short-sleeved St. Lawrence polo shirt
- White St. Lawrence T-shirt
- St. Lawrence cap with school logo in House colour

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

P.E. Kit should be worn on the days a pupil has P.E. timetabled and for after school sporting clubs. All P.E. kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

On entering St. Lawrence, pupils are placed in one of three Houses: Attica (blue), Epirus (green), or Macedonia (red). At certain sporting events, pupils are expected to wear a sports kit in their House colour.

- Navy blue St. Lawrence tracksuit
- Navy blue St. Lawrence P.E. shorts
- White St. Lawrence T-shirt
- St. Lawrence House T-shirt (red/blue/green)
- St. Lawrence House Shorts (red/blue/green)
- Trainers, no canvas shoes
- St. Lawrence navy blue/house cap with school logo

SWIMMING

On swimming days, pupils need to bring the following items with them to school in a drawstring/gym bag, clearly labelled with their full name on it.

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- One piece swimming costume (girls)
- A plastic bathing cap in their house colour
- Crocs or flip flops
- Towel and bathrobe
- Hairbrush/comb

The outer garment of a child's clothing must always have the school logo on it whether it is a T-shirt, polo shirt or hooded jacket (not applicable for coats). Here follows a more detailed explanation regarding certain items of uniform. The final judgements regarding acceptable uniform and appearance will be made by the Head teacher.

FOOTWEAR

Children should wear dark-coloured, leather sports shoes/trainers at all times. Sports shoes should be in a monochromatic colour (e.g., white, blue or black). Football shoes with studs, open-toed sandals, or shoes with heels are not safe to wear and, therefore, are not permitted in school. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have shoes to change into.

JEWELLERY AND HEADWEAR

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school, except for watches. A single, or one pair of plain, discreet stud earrings is allowed in the earlobe.

We do not allow hats, hoods or head coverings to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons.

EXTREME HAIRCUTS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts that are deemed too extreme, such as tramlines, shaved heads or unnatural dyed colours, are forbidden.

Long hair (hair that sits below the shoulders) should be tied back for safety reasons on both girls and boys. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and in the school colours of navy blue or white, not adorned with decorative items.

Parents should also be aware that nail varnish or any other form of make-up is not permitted, unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given permission.

EXTREME WEATHER

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot sunny days.

Boots and sufficiently warm, waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or cold weather.

ROLE OF THE CLASS TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF:

- to set a good example in terms of dress and reflect a professional appearance at all times
- to remind children to wear school uniform

The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the correct uniform, they are to be referred to the Head teacher.

ROLE OF THE HEAD TEACHER:

- to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body
- to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school
- to speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform

Where a pupil fails to comply with school rules on uniform despite repeated warnings and discussion with parents/carers, the Head reserves the right to send the child home until the correct uniform is worn. Any extended absences due to this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

ROLE OF THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- to respect and support our uniform policy and send their child/children to school correctly dressed in clothes that are clean, pressed and in good repair
- Ensure that their child comes to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days
- to ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly

It is essential that ALL staff, parents and pupils take a shared responsibility for the reputation and appearance of the school and its pupils. We are very grateful to parents/carers for supporting the school uniform policy, for taking pride in their child's appearance and for adhering to these high standards for the good of the children and positive reputation of our school.