

School Uniform Policy

Low Ash Primary School



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Rationale

Our policy has been created with value for money, health and safety and practicality at its heart. It has been designed to ensure children wear clothing conducive to a learning environment. It is important that our children feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practical uniform. We believe a uniform allows all children, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for activities to be facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing such as sports activities.

We rely on the cooperation of parents/carers in supporting school uniform at Low Ash Primary School and ask you to ensure that your child wears the correct uniform. Please refer to the list below identifying the uniform, PE uniform and rules regarding jewellery. Please note that garments worn underneath uniform should be unobtrusive (eg a white vest under a white shirt).

UNIFORM - NURSERY CHILDREN

Although there is no obligation to wear the school uniform in Nursery, many children do wear it and feel part of the school community. We recommend that Nursery children wear school uniform on their top half with a pair of black jogging bottoms or leggings.

UNIFORM LIST - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Winter

Long grey tailored trousers

Grey skirt or pinafore dress

White or red polo shirt or shirt with short/long sleeves

Red jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan

White or grey socks or tights

(plain red or black tights are also allowed)

Summer

Red/white check gingham dress or a grey skirt

Grey short or grey long tailored trousers

Red jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan

White or red polo shirt or shirt

White or grey socks

There is no obligation to wear a branded Low Ash sweatshirt or polo shirt although these can be bought from Whittaker's school uniform suppliers if you wish.

PE Kit

Pair of black shorts or tracksuit bottoms or black leggings

Plain white or red t-shirt or with school logo

Plain black tracksuit top or Low Ash PE hoodie

Trainers

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PE KIT SHOULD BE PLAIN OR DISPLAY THE LOW ASH LOGO

Footwear

Sensible black school shoes or smart ankle boots should be worn. Children should have a pair of indoor shoes (slip on pumps are ideal) available to wear if their shoes become dirty. Fancy designer trainers/trainer boots are not allowed. Please avoid shoes that your child cannot manage easily.

Outdoor Play

Each child will need a pair of wellington boots for outdoor play (all year round). Waterproof coat and trousers are also needed for outdoor play.

If your child comes to school in wellingtons or boots in bad weather, it is a good idea to provide a “named peg” or bag to keep them together.

Further considerations

Jewellery/Hair

In the interests of health and safety, the wearing of jewellery in school is NOT ALLOWED. If children have pierced ears, then only small stud type earrings are acceptable. These should be removed for PE; if your child can not remove their own earrings, please make sure they do not wear them on PE days. Long hair should be tied back with suitable hair accessories. This is essential for PE and recommended throughout the school day. **Nail varnish/false nails/nail extensions should not be worn.**

Religious items and clothing

We do not discriminate and welcome all pupils regardless of faith or belief. However, the school must also weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Uniform Stockists

Whittakers www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

21 Briggate, Shipley, BD17 7PB

Your School Uniform (www.yourschooluniform.com)

Online only

Financial Assistance

Low Ash Primary School supports vulnerable families in meeting the costs of uniforms.

A total amount of £26.00 School Uniform Assistance will be given for each child who meets the eligibility criteria as follows once each academic year:

- Eligible for means-tested Free School Meals
- Specific vulnerable groups (such as Looked After Children or children on the edge of care or care leavers, young carers, Asylum Seekers or children newly arrived in the country)
- Other exceptional or temporary circumstances that are based on the school's knowledge of a child's circumstances (such as a sick or disabled relative, a recent bereavement or a recent loss of job).

The parent/carer must bring to school a receipt which states 'school uniform' from the uniform stockist named above or alternatively school uniform providers e.g., Asda. The school will reimburse the parent/carer to a maximum of £26.00. A cheque will then be given to the parent/carer from the School Enabling Account Bank Account within a period of seven days of school receiving the receipt. In exceptional circumstances £26.00 cash will be given from the Enabling Account Petty Cash.

Responsibility for Approval of Claims

Claims must be approved by the Headteacher, plus the School Business Manager.

Appeals for unsuccessful claims can be taken to the Governing Body Appeals Committee,

The School Business Manager will retain the records of:-

- all claims (including any unsuccessful claims)
- its decisions on the allocation of financial support
- all payments or other forms of assistance.

Signed: Chair of Governors