

# The Park Federation Academy Trust Lake Farm Park Academy

**Uniform Policy** 

# Approval

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# 1 Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school -organized event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school brochure.

## 2 Aim and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the motion 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 within school;
  - Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting the 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

#### 3. Uniform

The school uniform is: General Uniform

- LFPA sweatshirt/cardigan or plain purple sweatshirt/cardigan
- LFPA Blazer (optional)
- White LFPA T-shirt or plain white shirt/T-shirt/polo shirt/blouse
- Purple pinafore (purple and white checked) dress
- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Black shoes
- Black or grey tights/black, white or grey socks
- Navy blue or black hair accessories including hijabs/Patkas
- No jewellery (except for earring as mentioned in 3.1)or nail polish
- Plain black; white or purple hijabs or Patkas

# PE Kit

- White LFPA T-shirt
- LFPA purple jumper No hoodies
- Navy blue or black shorts
- Navy blue or black jogging bottoms in cold weather (no designer markings)
- Black trainers/plimsolls
- No earrings should be worn for on the days children have PE

NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut' NOT sportswear or fashion styles. PE kits are to be worn to school on the days that your child/ren have PE.

### 4. Jewellery

a. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school

No Jewellery may be worn by girls or boys. If ears are pierced, only one pair of plain studs may be worn.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- Ear-rings studs in pierced ears
- Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara

We ask the children to remove those objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays

b. Children who have significant medical problems e.g. may wear medical identification bracelets. Diabetes or epilepsy.

#### 5. Extreme haircuts

- 5.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children
- a. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (**no shorter than a number 2**), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

#### 6. Footwear

- 6.2 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous and detrimental to physical development for children to wear shoes that have platforms sloes 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 sports or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as states in the uniform list.
- 6.2 In the wintertime, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn; fashionable boots like Uggs boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming into school during the winter months who wear boots or wellies should bring with them black shoes to change into.

#### 7. The role of parents

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make

representation, in the first instance, to the Principal. 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.

#### 8. The role of governors

- 8.1 The governing body supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from the parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 8.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equals opportunities
- 8.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

#### 9. Monitoring and review

- 9.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its Committee work by:
  - Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
  - Considering, with the principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regards to school uniform;
  - Requiring the principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

#### <u>Notes</u>

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils who do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction. There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing a school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our Home School Agreement, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the school decides that the school uniform is not appropriate for e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

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