



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY SEPTEMBER 2026

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

Lady Bankes Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart. Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- In consultation with the Head Teacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

The Head Teacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Body.

Teaching and support staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Taking appropriate action when pupils are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g. to establish school identity.

Parents/carers are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Head Teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for

a period of time, including why.

- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Head Teacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g. to develop a sense of belonging.

COST AND AVAILABILITY

Lady Bankes Primary School ensures that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. We only recommend that the children wear a school jumper with a logo and a PE top with a logo. All other items are optional in line with the DfE guidance (July 2026).

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through a reputable supplier and local supermarkets. The school works with Adams Schoolwear to obtain the best value for money possible for any items with the school logo and ensures that all of the basic items of uniform can be purchased from the local supermarkets. The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to the school uniform. Where changes are required, the school will endeavour to ensure that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

RELIGIOUS CLOTHING / CEREMONIAL WEAR

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school weighs the needs and rights of individual pupils against the health and safety concerns of the entire school community.

Lady Bankes Primary School endeavours to allow religious requirements to be met, wherever possible.

EQUALITY

The school is required to ensure that this policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken to ensure that the cost of similar uniform items, for example, trousers versus skirts, are not disproportionate. The school does not insist that children of any sex must wear specific items of clothing.

STANDARD UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 6

- Grey skirt, pinafore, tailored trousers or shorts
- Brown V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black school shoes (trainers are not school uniform)
- Grey, white or black socks or tights

CHILDREN IN NURSERY

- White polo shirt (badged polo shirts are optional)

CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

- White polo shirt (badged polo shirts are optional)
- Black zipped sports top with logo
- PE T Shirt in the colour of the child's house
- Black PE shorts

CHILDREN IN YEARS 3- 6

- White shirt
- School tie (Years 3-5 are expected to wear a clip on tie, Year 6 to wear a self-tie tie)
- Black zipped sports top with logo
- PE T Shirt in the colour of the child's house
- Black PE shorts

This is the uniform that we expect all children to wear.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Yellow checked summer dresses
- Black jogging bottoms for PE lessons only in colder weather

PE KIT

All children are required to wear a PE kit from Reception to Year 6. Reception children will wear a PE kit for lessons in the summer term. All children are in a 'house' and should wear a T shirt of their house colour- these are red, blue, green and yellow.

For outdoor games the children will need to wear plimsolls or trainers. The school zipped sports top must be worn on colder days or when representing the school at sporting events.

JEWELLERY

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted)
- A sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example, PE

lessons / swimming lessons. If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of PE.

SCHOOL BAG

Pupils must use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage. A bag with the school logo is available from Adams Schoolwear which fits the requirements of this policy and is the school's preferred bag.

Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space on children's pegs. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

WATER BOTTLE

All children should bring a water bottle into school every day: this can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day. Water bottles must be labelled with the pupil's name.

LABELLING

All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name. Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. If a child goes home in another child's clothing by accident, for example, their jumper, parents/carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school to their child's class teacher. Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for a term and is recycled or donated to FOLBA to be resold if it is not collected within this time.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

In line with the DfE guidance FOLBA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales at very reasonable prices for our families.