

Uniform Policy

Leigh Academy Marden



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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear academy uniform when attending school, or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for academy uniform on our website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that an academy uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the academy
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the academy
- Prevents children from attending the academy in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents/carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Is accessible and affordable to parents/carers

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our academy for their support of the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the academy to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Principal.

The academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example, religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the academy uniform, the academy will look sympathetically at such requests.

The academy uniform has been designed to be inclusive for all children. Parents have the option to choose trousers or skirts with different fastenings or elasticated waist whilst still adhering to the uniform policy. If parents require support in identifying options for this they should bring this to the attention of the school who will be happy to support with suggestions.

Requirements

Full, approved uniform is to be worn to school and parents are expected to support academy policy on uniform. Most of our uniform can be purchased from the retailer of your choice, however, the academy jumper/cardigan and the PE t-shirt with the academy logo must be purchased from Price & Buckland or Brigade.

All Leigh Academy Marden uniform supplied by Price & Buckland and Brigade can be bought online.

Winter uniform is expected to be worn from Autumn Term 2 through to the end of Spring Term 4.

Summer uniform can be worn from the start of the Summer Term 5 through to the half term of Autumn Term 1.

Parents can choose to switch to the winter uniform earlier than October if the weather is cold.

Winter Uniform (Terms 2-4)	
Red cardigan or sweatshirt with academy logo *COMPULSORY*	
White polo shirt with academy logo *OPTIONAL*	
Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers	
Red, grey or black tights Black, grey or white socks	
Black shoes	
Red Bookbag with academy logo *COMPULSORY*	
Summer Uniform (Terms 1, 5-6)	
White gingham dress or grey/black shorts	

PE Kit	
PE Top in house colour with academy logo *COMPULSORY*	 Desert Raintorest Ocean Polar
Black or navy shorts (jogging bottoms/leggings allowed in cold weather)	
Sports trainers (plimsolls allowed in Reception)	
PE Bag with academy logo *OPTIONAL*	

Please note:

- Shoes with wedge soles or high heels are not suitable for school.
- No makeup including nail varnish to be worn to school
- Stud earrings only may be worn. Earrings should be removed at home on the day of PE lessons.
- **All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.**
- Order uniform online from:

Price & Buckland
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

To encourage the children to take pride in their appearance we ask them to tuck their polo shirts in when they are around the academy and on visits and to have their top buttons fastened.

Tracksuits may be worn in colder weather for outdoor PE and games, plain navy/black.

Children may wear suitable sunglasses and hats for playtimes during the Summer Term.

Jewellery

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our academy. Parents are respectfully requested to support this requirement to prevent loss and/or injury. Small earring studs may be worn in pierced ears, but these must be removed for physical activity (PE, swimming etc). We ask that the children remove these studs themselves, prior to the lesson. If ears have been newly pierced they can be covered with micropore tape (to be provided by the parent) to prevent injury. Once the piercings have healed (no more than 10 weeks), earrings must be removed for all physical activity. We please ask that if your child has had their ears pierced, that you inform the office so we are aware that these will be covered.

Extreme Haircuts & Appearance

We like our children to have a smart appearance. The academy does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or draw attention to a child in an unhelpful way. This includes shaved heads or patterns shaved into the hair or the use of bright hair dye sprays. Long hair should be tied back with a plain band or tie for reasons of hygiene and safety. This applies to boys as well as girls.

Parents should also be aware that transfers or tattoos are not permitted.

Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or 'strappy' open-toed sandals, so we do not allow them.

Outdoor Wear

As part of the curriculum children are encouraged to use the outdoor environment. It is essential that the children have appropriate, named outdoor coats and shoes suitable for the weather.

Equipment

There are a number of items that pupils need in order to be able to take a full and active part in learning at the Academy. Therefore all pupils should pack their book bag with the following items every night:

- Reading Book
- Reading Record
- Water bottle

Children are discouraged from bringing money or valuables to school other than when requested by the academy. Where this is unavoidable, money and valuables should never be left in cloakrooms or children's trays but given to the class teacher or academy office for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Fidget tools should only be used in agreement with the academy SENCO and Inclusion Lead. Unless this is in place, fidget tools that have been brought into the academy without this agreement, will be kept with the teacher and returned to the child at the end of the day with a note home alerting parents to their child bringing this in.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The academy cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

Items mislaid by children are kept in the dining hall, which can be accessed via the KS1 playground. We endeavour to return all named property.

When the policy isn't followed

We understand that there may be unforeseen circumstances that may impact upon a child being able to follow the Uniform Policy. We therefore value parents communicating with the school in order to understand this and take it into consideration. On occasions when this isn't the case, the academy will exercise its right to decide upon a reasonable and proportionate course of action. This might include removal from physical activity, for example, if false nails are worn, directing the removal of makeup with make up wipes or confiscation of prohibited items. Class teachers are responsible, in the first instance, for enforcing the academy uniform policy. Parents will be communicated with either verbally or in written form should their child breach our uniform policy.