

Lawford CE Primary School



Uniform Policy

Approved by Governors - 16th March 2021

Reviewed July 2026

Biennial review

Changes since last policy – optional blazer removed and white PE tops removed. Wearable tech prohibitions added

1. General

- 1.1 All children are required to wear school uniform. The school colour is navy (grey for trousers and skirts).

2. School Uniform

- 2.1 We expect all of our children to look and feel smart when they attend school. Children are therefore expected to wear their uniform in a smart manner, for example tucking their shirt into their trousers / skirt, their top buttons (Velcro) are to be done up and their tie pushed up to the collar.
- 2.2 Hair which flops across the face must be tied back at all times and put up (ponytail or plait) for PE.
- 2.3 All pupils are to wear shoes which have non-slip soles and flat heels to avoid the risk of slipping or tripping.

3. School Uniform Specifications

- 3.1 Navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan
White Shirt with a top button/Velcro (KS1) (suitable for a tie)
School tie (KS1 may be on elastic)
Grey - tunic, skirt, culottes or tailored trousers (no external pockets)
Plain socks or tights (grey, dark blue or white – socks only)
Sensible black/navy blue school shoes (not boots or trainers)
- Optional Warm Weather Uniform**
Grey tailored shorts (no external pockets)
Short sleeved white shirt and school tie
Navy blue and white gingham checked dress/playsuit (this is the darker check)

3.2 Examples of the Lawford CE Primary School Uniform



Tie (KS1 on elastic)



Jumper



Cardigan



Tailored Trousers



Tunic



Culottes



Knee Length Skirt



Navy Gingham Dress



Navy Gingham Playsuit



Tailored Shorts



**Book Bag
(optional)**

3.4 **Outdoor**

Outdoor coats should be plain and ideally waterproof. In the winter time or when it is dark, pupils should make sure that they are visible to motorists by wearing reflective material.

3.5 **Jewellery**

For safety reasons, no jewellery is permitted at any time except for stud earrings. All accessories are to be removed for PE. Religious jewellery may be permitted at the discretion of the headteacher. Make-up, including nail varnish, is not to be worn. When hair is being tied back, hair bands and a clips/slides should be discreet – ideally in navy blue, but black or neutral colours (that match hair colour are permitted). Large bows, flowers and diamanté items are not acceptable. Hairbands worn for PE must be soft. Gingham 'scrunchies' are acceptable - if they match the pattern of a summer dress. An example of the type of hair band (not for PE, because it is hard) and hair slides with bows that are acceptable is shown below:



3.6 **Watches/wearable tech**

Children may wear a wristwatch; analogue watches are recommended, because the design of these watches supports learning about time better than watches with digital displays. Children may wear 'fitness' watches that measure steps and such like but not if they offer any other 'smart capability', beyond the monitoring of health. Children may not wear any watch or any other wearable tech (including smart glasses) that have the capacity to do the following:

- connect to the internet;
- record audio;
- record still and/or moving images;
- record audio and still and/or moving images.

Children are not permitted to wear any watches if, in the school's judgement, they detract from good behaviour and/or good learning, or if it causes distraction, or causes a concern to the health and safety of the child or other individuals.

3.7 **Badges**

School issued badges may be worn – e.g. School Council.

Other badges – such as birthday badges may be worn for the period that they are relevant, however very large badges may not be worn at any time.

3.8 **Trainers**

Trainers, in any colour, are **not acceptable** as part of school uniform (except during PE lessons).

3.9 Hair

Long/floppy hair is to be tied back from the face at all times. Where hair is braided, beads may not be included except where culturally appropriate. Dyed hair, hair colouring, any additions, or hair extensions are also not permitted. Shaved patterns in hair are not acceptable for school.

4. Clothing for Physical Education

4.1 Navy shorts or skort

Navy PE T Shirt from 'Coes' of Ipswich

Black plimsolls(indoor) /or indoor trainers

Trainers (outdoor) – not the same as for indoors.

4.2 Additional Cold Weather Items:

Navy blue tracksuit tops / jogging bottoms can be worn in winter months during cold weather. Cycling shorts/leggings may also be worn **underneath** PE shorts if it is cold. School jumpers may also be worn. Navy/white undershirts may also be worn in addition to school PE T shirt and a school jumper/zipped navy top - if the weather is very cold. Navy blue Tracksuit tops and jogging bottoms should not have large branding logos (logos up to about 5cm in diameter are acceptable) of any organisation or company.

4.3 Hair

For safety reasons, long hair must be put up in either a ponytail or plait during P.E. lessons.

4.4 Example of acceptable PE kit



Joggers

Tracksuit top

Skort

PE shorts

PE Shirt

Plimsolls

PE Bag
(optional)

5. Forest School

5.1 The school is fortunate to have a copse on site in which we can lead Forest School sessions. If your child is to attend forest school, they will need the following for protection.

- waterproofs – jacket and trousers, or all in one
- a comfortable pair of trousers, such as jogging bottoms (not jeans)
- a long-sleeved top
- a thick jumper/fleece
- wellies or sturdy shoes (thick sole for protection), which you do not mind getting wet or muddy
- In cold weather, hats and gloves are also required.

5.2 Open toed shoes, short sleeved T-shirts and shorts are not permitted.

Example Forest School clothing:



6. Purchase of Uniform

6.1 Some items of school uniform and sports kit must be purchased from 'Coes' in Ipswich, these items are the school tie, the school jumper/cardigan and the navy PE top: <https://www.coes.co.uk/pages/lawford-primary>

6.2 Suitable school wear and sports kit can also be bought from chain stores, supermarkets and uniform suppliers.

6.3 The PTA have a large range of pre-loved uniform available to purchase – contact can be made through the school office and their Facebook page - Lawford C of E Primary School PTA – to place orders

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2668411586514372/>.

7. Adaptation of Uniform

7.1 The school recognises that for some children the uniform may need to be adapted to meet their needs, for example boots as a result of a podiatrist's report, or other changes where a child has sensory issues. This should be discussed with the Headteacher and permission sought. There are specific sites online that specialise in uniforms for those with sensory needs for example M&S's easy dressing range and their special needs school uniform range:

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/ie/l/kids/school-uniform/special-needs-school-uniform>

The website Sensory smart also offers advice and clothing:

<https://www.sensorysmart.co.uk/school-uniform-248-c.asp>

7.2 The school recognises that some faiths require the wearing of specific jewellery or items of clothing, for example: Hijab or a turban. Please contact the school if you need clarification on appropriate options in line with our school uniform policy.

Appendix:

1. Model Letters - Incorrect uniform.

Appendix 1.

Model letters

Lawford CE Primary School
The Avenue
Lawford
CO11 2FR

Date:

Dear Parents

School Uniform

It has been reported to me by your child’s class teacher that..... is wearing..... at school, which is contrary to the Governing Body’s School Uniform Policy.

It is essential that all parents comply with school policies, which exist for the welfare of the children, and I would ask for your co-operation in ensuring that there is no recurrence.

Yours faithfully,

K Usher
Headteacher

Lawford CE Primary School
The Avenue
Lawford
CO11 2FR

Date:

Dear.....,

School Uniform

I refer to my letter of It appears that is continuing to wear in school, in breach of the school uniform policy.

I would like to invite you to come into school to discuss this matter with myself and (class teacher). Please telephone the school office to confirm you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,

K Usher
Headteacher