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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Personal Presentation, Uniform and Equipment

Over the summer holidays we are reviewing our school website, so I wanted to write to you to remind you about our school expectations for uniform before we start back in September.

At Leigh St Peter's CE Primary School, all pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform and look smart and clean. The purpose of our school uniform is to ensure that pupils have practical dress for each day. We believe that wearing a school uniform provides pupils with a sense of belonging and an identity that they belong to our school community.

We believe that first impressions are important and for this reason we expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform at all times. We aim to be clear on our expectations making sure that we consider safety and cost when setting the uniform expectations.

Main school uniform:

Nursery: Although Nursery uniform is optional, it is good practice to get the children into a routine and to start preparing them for life at Leigh St Peter's CE Primary School. **If you decide to send your Nursery child in Uniform, please see Reception uniform.**

Reception:

- ⇒ Tartan pinafore or tartan skirt / grey trousers / plain black leggings or plain black jogging bottoms.
- ⇒ White Polo t-shirt.
- ⇒ Blue jumper, or cardigan (with school logo).
- ⇒ Plain black shoes.
- ⇒ School Book Bag (*No rucksacks are needed due to reduced space in school*).

Children in Reception are allowed to wear black jogging bottoms or leggings instead of trousers or skirts/pinafores. This is because their curriculum includes continuous outdoor play.

Year 1 and Year 2:

- ⇒ Tartan pinafore or tartan skirt / or grey trousers.
- ⇒ White Polo t-shirt.
- ⇒ Blue jumper or cardigan (with school logo).
- ⇒ Plain black shoes.
- ⇒ School Book Bag (*No rucksacks are needed due to reduced space in school*).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6:

- ⇒ Tartan pinafore/skirt or grey trousers.
- ⇒ White Shirt.
- ⇒ School Tie.
- ⇒ Blue Jumper or cardigan (with school logo).
- ⇒ Plain black shoes.
- ⇒ School Book Bag (*No rucksacks are needed due to reduced space in school*).



Along with the agreed uniform expectations, we also insist that:

- ⇒ School Jumpers have the school logo on them. T-shirts with logos are available from uniform suppliers, if parents wish their child to have one, but there is no expectation for this.
- ⇒ The school skirt and pinafore are an agreed tartan skirt which is available in a range of local uniform shops. In school, we also hold a range of second-hand uniform in different sizes. If any families require support with their child's uniform, please contact a member of the school Pastoral Team by making an appointment at the school office.
- ⇒ Outdoor coats **must not have any** visible logos which are coloured, for example, white, red, green, orange or yellow. Sweatshirts or hoodies are **NOT** allowed to be worn as an outdoor coat.
- ⇒ **NO** jewellery is to be worn, this includes stud and hooped earrings.
- ⇒ Hair which is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied up. Hairstyles which are considered extreme in any way are **NOT** acceptable. For example, patterned shaving, 'mullet' cuts' or unnatural or two-tone coloured hair. Shaved haircuts shorter than number 2 blade are not acceptable.
- ⇒ **NO** acrylic nails On young children these damage the nail bed and can affect nail growth. Please keep children's nails a short length. We also insist that pupils **DO NOT** wear nail polish.
- ⇒ **ALL** pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 are **EXPECTED** to wear a school tie.
- ⇒ As many pupils misplace items of their uniform, we expect all families to ensure that names/labels are on all your children's uniform items. We will not take responsibility for items of clothing that are misplaced or lost.
- ⇒ Make-up is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**, and any pupils found to be wearing make-up will be expected to remove it.

PE Kits (On PE days, your child is allowed to come into school wearing their PE Kit):

Year 1 and Year 2:

- ⇒ Plain black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms.
- ⇒ Plain white t-shirt. (A plain black sport jumper is optional. Pupils must wear their school jumper/cardigan if they do not wear a plain black sport jumper).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6:

- ⇒ Plain black jogging bottoms.
- ⇒ Plain white t-shirt (a plain black sport jumper is optional. Pupils must wear their school jumper/cardigan if they do not have a plain black sweat-top). Year 6 pupils can purchase a plain blue hoodie with the school logo on which can be worn as part of their PE kits. These are available to buy from Jaymax.
- ⇒ Plain black trainers.

All pupils can wear their PE kit on the day(s) that they have PE lessons. If they do not own a plain black sports jumper then they **MUST** wear their school jumper/cardigan. Trainers for PE lessons **MUST** be plain black only and are available from most supermarkets for a reasonable price. **Any pupils NOT wearing plain black trainers will be expected to wear school pumps and school has additional PE kit for any pupils who are not wearing the correct PE kit.**

Some clarity has been provided in some of the points within this letter to ensure that we avoid any confusion as we prepare to start the new school year. It is important that as a school we work towards preparing our pupils for the next step in their educational journey and our uniform expectations bring us towards a more uniformed approach for the pupils, in line with the expectations at our local high schools.

I look forward to working with you in the new school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer break.

Best wishes,



Mr K Robinson
Headteacher

