

## Pupil Uniform and Hair Policy

### Uniform

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending West Lodge School, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website. Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion 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 with the school
- 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

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform and hair policies. All parents sign an agreement on entry to our school stating that they will support all school policies including supporting the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their day.

### Hairstyles

Children are expected to come to school looking clean and smart each day. Fashion wear and styles are not part of our school uniform. Please note the following school policy regarding hairstyles:

- Hair should not be cut any shorter than a number 2
- Shaven hair, hair dye and colour in hair are not permitted
- Lines shaved into the hair are not permitted
- Patterns shaved into the hair are not permitted
- Hairstyles which are extreme, which includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top/back are not permitted
- Any hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times (girls and boys)
- Any hair accessories must be in accordance with the West Lodge School colours.

Parents who refuse to follow the uniform/hairstyle policy will be asked to meet and discuss the issue with myself and, if necessary, representatives from the Governing Body. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in suspension or exclusion.

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