

Cams Lane Primary School



Policy	Uniform
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School Vision

'Together as a Cams Lane family, we will inspire everyone to reach their potential. Guided by our 5 Rs, we will develop independent learners with an awareness of the world around them, ready for the challenges of the future. We will nurture relationships that build confidence and pride within each person.'

'INSPIRE, BELIEVE, LEARN'

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Respect, Reflection, Responsibility

Aims for Cams Lane School Uniform Policy

- **To create a sense of community, pride and smartness of appearance.**
- **For the uniform to have a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and tone of the school**
- **To promote good discipline**
- **To allow children to wear appropriate clothing suited for practical tasks, weather conditions, for health and safety purposes**
- **For children to be all the same but different; equally special, promoting inclusion.**
- **To understand the social and financial implications for families**
- **For children to treat each other equally and reduce issues regarding peer pressure**
- **For safety purpose on school trips to ensure all children are easily identifiable.**

The importance of cost consideration

The school Admissions Code 2012, which is statutory guidance, states "Admission authorities must ensure that policies around uniform or school trips do not discourage parents from applying for place for their child". No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or families feeling unable to apply or attend due to the cost of a uniform. The uniform should also be easily available for parents to purchase and schools should seek to select items that can be purchased cheaply. Schools should keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and avoid expensive items of uniform. Schools should not enter into cash back arrangements and should avoid exclusive single suppliers wherever possible.

At Cams Lane items with a school logo are available from Touchline. Cams Lane badged items are preferable but not required. Items such as plain school coloured items are widely available many shops and supermarkets, including second-hand retailers.

School Uniform

We encourage the school colours of royal blue and yellow for tee shirts – this is required. However, they do not have to be the badged items. More generic/plain items are accepted. Also, some items are only required in the summer or winter, such as boys shorts or girls summer dresses.

See **Appendix 1** for the full uniform list for further information on whether items are required or optional and also needed for summer or winter

Equality and Discrimination consideration

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code. This could include dressing modestly or covering their heads or legs and arms. The school must balance the rights of individual pupils against the best interests of the school. However it should be possible for most requirements to be met within the school policy. Any modification should be easy to still apply with school colours. It is not expected the cost of girls' uniform to be significantly more expensive than the boys or vice versa. Girls should be allowed to wear skirts or trousers, although the length of a skirt should be considered so they are practical and so their dignity is not compromised when they sit down on the floor. Skirts with flares or pleat are to be encouraged and tight skirts are to be discouraged to enable this.

Special Educational Needs

As a fully inclusive school, we understand that some children have different needs which may affect the wearing of school uniform. If a child has special educational needs or medical needs then reasonable modifications can be considered. If a child has a diagnosed need through an EHCP involving sensory needs for example then Governors will make allowances in order to meet the child's needs.

Challenges and Non-compliance to School Uniform Policy

Disputes about school uniform should be pursued in accordance with the schools complaints policy. Parents should be able to lodge their complaints and/or objections easily. Governors should be willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy from parents to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

At Cams Lane we maintain a high standard of pupil presentation, including uniform, hair, makeup and jewellery. Details of the school uniform are published in several places such as the prospectus and the website so parents are fully aware of items of clothing that are required. Communication between parents and school will be frequent and regular when breaches of uniform take place through text messages, letter and a phone calls – this will highlight issues such as wearing trainers instead of black shoes, or wearing hoodies instead of school jumpers or coats.

The class teachers and senior leaders will tackle non-compliance and will use the behaviour policy to discipline pupils for breaching the school rules on appearance. The Headteacher will ask pupils and parents to remedy a breach of uniform the next day. If children need to wear trainers for a short period of time then a letter needs to be sent in by parents to explain why and to indicate when school shoes would be worn again.

Changes to the uniform

In order for the school to make any significant changes to the uniform e.g. colour of school jumpers or to the uniform supplier, then there will be a clear timeframe set by the Governors and a period of consultation. School will take into account the viewpoints of the parents and pupils. Governors will take into consideration the cost, availability and practicality of the uniform to the tasks, and the time for the period of transition.

Reference to:

Dfe School Uniform – Guidance for Governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities – Sept 2013

Review:

Every 5 years

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Appendix 1

CAMS LANE UNIFORM LIST 2022

General uniform	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Yellow polo shirt *</u>• <u>Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt *</u>• Black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress• School socks or tights (plain coloured)• Sensible black school shoes (not trainers, boots, ballet slippers or heels)• Appropriate seasonal outdoor wear (e.g. warm coat, hat, summer hat) Optional: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow or blue summer dress (summer)• Boys shorts (summer)•
PE Lessons (please note Reception do not do PE for their first half term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy blue/black shorts and plain white t-shirt (summer)• Jogging bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor PE (winter)• Black pumps for indoor PE• Trainers for outdoor PE (Velcro for KS1 pupils)• <u>Named drawstring bag for PE kit *</u>
Hair, makeup and jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only a watch and one set of simple studs are allowed (these must be removed for PE lessons or covered with micropore tape)• All long hair needs to be tied back to minimise occurrence of head lice• No extreme haircuts or designs are allowed (e.g. shaved heads, tram lines, mohicans, dyed hair)• No makeup or nail varnish

Underlined * items can be ordered from our uniform supplier, Touchline, where the item has the **school badge** on it. You can choose delivery to home (for a charge) or school (free delivery). Touchline also supply a variety of optional personalised items.

Alternatively, **generic uniform items** can be purchased from any local supermarket or department store as long as they match the school colours.

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