



*Longlands Primary  
School*

## **Mission Statement**

For generations, students of Longlands Primary School have worn their uniform with pride. Our uniform shows that we are part of the Longlands Primary School community, and this is a tradition we want to see continue long into the future. We believe in having high expectations from our children concerning school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that these standards help to promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

## **School Uniform**

We have school uniform and we encourage all our children to wear their uniform smartly. All items of uniform must be labelled. Standard Longlands school uniform consists of the following:

- white collared shirt / blouse
- grey woolen jumper/cardigan/tank top
- charcoal/grey/black trousers/skirt/culottes/shorts
- grey/white socks
- blue and white checked dress for summer if desired
- sensible black school shoes, **NOT** boots, shoes with heels or trainers
- a black and grey striped school tie (can be purchased from the school office)
- A school backpack or suitable alternative dark in colour for bringing items to and from school. Handbags are **NOT** appropriate for school.
- For children in EYFS, a backpack is not appropriate or necessary and children should only come to school with a school book bag.

**Please note:** It is not compulsory to have the school logo on jumpers and cardigans but if you would like your child to have these items, you can purchase them from Caseys Schoolwear, 246 Blackfen Road, Sidcup, DA15 8PW where you can also get book bags, rucksacks, hats, coats etc.

## **PE Kit**

We require that our pupils come to school on their designated PE days, dressed appropriately for the timetabled activities. They need to be wearing appropriately labelled PE kit consisting of the following:

- *trainers for outdoor PE*
- *white socks*
- *white T-shirt*
- *white/black shorts*
- *a plain, dark-coloured tracksuit for outdoor games in cold weather*
- *No football kits are permitted.*

*If a child does come to school in their kit, they could miss their PE lesson. Children will still be expected to be present during the PE lesson if they do not have their kit, but may not necessarily participate in some or all of the lesson.*

## **General notes on appearance**

*Shirts should be tucked in at all times.*

*Summer uniform can be worn during the summer term (after Easter until October half term).*

## **Jewellery**

- *Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school – this includes bracelets, necklaces or rings.*
- *If children have pierced ears, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. Hooped earrings of any size must not be worn for Health and Safety reasons.*
- *NYCC policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves, they should not come to school with them in on PE days.*

## ***Hairstyles and Hair accessories***

- *Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.*
- *The style should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupil's vision.*
- *Pupils with long hair must tie their hair back when necessary and are expected to have an appropriate hair band in school to facilitate this.*
- *Where hair is tied back, this should be done using a plain, non-patterned hair band or clip that corresponds with school colours – black, grey, white or navy blue.*
- *Hair bows are permitted, but should be reasonable in size. A rough guide would be that the bow (or any other accessory) could fit comfortably in the palm of a child's hand, without it covering their fingers.*
- *The school reserves the right to ask a pupil to remove a hair accessory if it does not comply with any of the above or is causing a distraction.*
- *We would ask parents to avoid having 'severe' haircuts or designs shaved into hairstyles.*

## ***Religious Observance***

*The school understands that for some children and families, acts of religious observance may necessitate changes to uniform – either permanently or at designated times of the year.*

*At Longlands, we respect the rights of all members of our community to practice and acknowledge their faith in whatever form is appropriate to do so. However, we kindly ask parents and carers to keep us informed of any such changes to uniform, as this may involve additional considerations for health and safety risk assessments.*

*Specifically, in the case of items religious jewellery the school may request a child remove such items temporarily, to safely take place in physical activities. Were this to be the case, the matter would be discussed with parents or carers in advance; provided the school is aware of said jewellery.*

## **Gender and Uniform**

*This policy is intended to be gender-neutral in regards to what uniform decisions parents and carers make in collaboration with their child. As a school, we recognise that children may identify in different ways and wish to wear uniform that reflects these choices.*

*At Longlands, we respect decisions made by children and families in regards to these choices and will always actively encourage the wider school community to do the same.*

*If you wish to discuss this matter confidentially, or believe issues identified here may be relevant to your family, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the relevant person.*

## **Pencil Cases**

*Due to storage constraints within the classroom, we would ask that children do not bring pencil cases or stationary in from home. All necessary stationary required for learning will be provided by the school. If a child brings a pencil case into school, class teachers will ask them to return to their bag and leave it at home in the future.*

## **Fidget toys**

*Fidget toys of all description are not permitted in school, unless otherwise arranged by Mrs. Francis (the school's SENCO) as part of an agreed strategy to support a child's individual needs. Any such toy found in school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.*

## **Students must not wear:**

- *Hoodies, sportswear or sweatshirts.*
- *Trainers are NOT allowed to be worn at any time other than for PE lessons and clubs.*
- *Boots are not appropriate footwear. If your child needs to wear boots to travel to school, they should change into school shoes once inside the building.*

- *Make-up and nail varnish must NOT be worn to school. If a child comes into school in make-up, they will be asked to remove it. Class teachers may also ask children to remove nail varnish, if appropriate to do so.*

**Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:**

*Any changes to uniform must be short-term and Class Teachers should be notified in writing, stating a date when normal uniform is expected to be resumed. Parents of children who do not wear the correct uniform, may be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child.*

*We would kindly ask that you do not give verbal messages to staff on the playground regarding matters of uniform – all changes must be in written form consisting of a note or email to the school office.*

*Students who wear make-up/nail varnish will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher and returned in an envelope at the end of the day.*

*For children wearing trainers to school, the class teacher will speak with a parent or carer and request that (if a suitable reason is not provided) the child attends school the following day in shoes. **The school reserves the right to ask a child to remove trainers and change into a pair of plain, black plimsols to wear during the school day if the child is persistently wearing trainers without a medically valid reason.** The school keeps sufficient stock of a range of sizes for all year groups and these will be disinfected between each use.*

***Persistent and defiant non-compliance with this policy will result in an appropriate sanction and parents will be asked to come into school to discuss this.***