SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

SUMMARY

At Le Cateau Primary School, we believe a school uniform fosters a sense of community, belonging, and pride. We aim to ensure our uniform is practical, comfortable, and affordable for all families.

CORE PRINCIPLES

Affordable and Accessible

We strictly follow statutory guidance on school uniform costs. Branded uniform items are not compulsory at Le Cateau. Plain, non-branded supermarket or high-street alternatives in the school colours are fully welcomed and encouraged.

Sustainability

We actively promote the reuse of clothing to protect the environment and support our school community.

OUR PRE-LOVED UNIFORM HUB

We are proud to run a well-stocked and established 'Pre-Loved' Uniform Hub. This resource is available to all families looking for excellent quality second-hand uniform items, including both branded and unbranded pieces. The Hub is overseen by our Parent Association - Friends of Le Cateau (FOLC).

- Cost: All items in the hub are available for a small voluntary donation.
- Access: The hub is accessible throughout the school year at various times of the school day. Please contact the main school office for more information, opening times or to request specific sizes.
- Donations: We kindly ask that any outgrown, good-quality uniform items be laundered and donated to the school office to help keep our hub thriving.

UNIFORM SUPPORT

We understand that providing a full school uniform can sometimes be a financial challenge. If you have any questions in relation to uniform, please get in touch with Mrs Bachini who is happy to assist. She works closely with our branded uniform supplier and can support with any questions you may have.Uniform support and queries can be easily directed to her via email at uniform@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk. We are here to help ensure every child has what they need to feel comfortable and ready to learn.

BRANDED UNIFORM AVAILABILITY (SCHOOL SHOP & IN-SCHOOL STOCK)

While not compulsory, families who wish to purchase items featuring the school logo can do so directly via the online supplier. Please use the official Le Cateau Primary School Online Store Finder Page provided by Schoolshop to place your order.

Additionally, the school does hold a small amount of stock that can be purchased directly from school. Please visit the school office if you would like to purchase branded uniform items on-site.

The following branded items are available:

- Daily Wear: Jumpers and cardigans featuring the school logo.
- PE Kit Wear: Branded hoodies, quick-dry 3/4 tops (1/4 zip sports tops), PE t-shirts, and matching shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Equally Important, Equally Different

LABELLING CLOTHING

With many identical items of clothing in school, things can easily get mixed up. Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name. Using a permanent fabric marker, iron-on labels, or stick-on name tags makes it much easier for lost items to be quickly identified and returned to their rightful owner.

When purchasing through our supplier, you also have the option to add your child's initials to branded uniform. This personalisation service is available directly via the School Shop website if you are placing an order for branded clothing, helping to ensure your child's items are easily identifiable.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Standard Daily

UniformTop: Red sweatshirt, cardigan, or fleece (with or without the school logo).Shirt: White or red polo shirt (with or without the school logo).Bottoms: Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts, or pinafores.Dresses: Red and white checked gingham dresses may be worn in the summer.Footwear: Plain, dark, sensible closed-toe shoes or plain black trainers.PE KitOn designated PE days, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit:White or red t-shirt (plain or branded School Shop version).Black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms, or leggings (plain or branded School Shop tracksuit version).Red school sweatshirt, fleece, or branded PE hoodie / quick-dry 3/4 top.Appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

JEWELLERY, DEVICES, AND HAIR

- Smartwatches & Devices: Smartwatches are strictly not allowed in school. Please refer to our separate Mobile and Smart Devices Policy for full details on technology restrictions.
- Jewellery: For safety reasons, jewellery is limited to one pair of small, plain stud earrings and a standard, non-smart wristwatch. All jewellery must be removed or taped over for PE lessons.
- Makeup: Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted in school.
- Hair: Long hair should be tied back, especially during PE and practical lessons.

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