



# **Dress Code for Kindergarten and Lower School**

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## Introduction

At The London Acorn School, we do not have a school uniform; therefore, we need to make sure that some guidelines are in place so all children can feel comfortable and included. Our Dress Code reflects our school ethos and beliefs.

We are also aware that it can be very difficult for parents (and confusing for young children) to deny their children an item of clothing, especially when they come to school and see a friend wearing a similar item. We ask you as part of our community to try as much as possible to follow and respect our Dress Code.

You are responsible for sending your child dressed appropriately to school. If their clothes are not appropriate, to keep it fair for all children we will turn items of clothing inside out or take off that item of clothing and your child will be given a spare one.

If you are struggling with your child dressing in the morning, we would advise you have a drawer with school clothes only, from where your child can choose, and another one for other occasions.

## Kindergarten Dress Code

### Outdoor Clothing



We ask for the children to come to Kindergarten in clothes that are weather appropriate, comfortable, allow movement and are not too precious. Children will get dirty so please keep the “Sunday Best” for home.

Feet should be protected at all times, and therefore weather appropriate clothing is essential - **wellies, shoes and warm boots as appropriate**. We would like to strongly advise you to swap your child wellies for waterproof winter/snow boots during the cold months. We have observed through the years that the children wearing normal wellies are the ones that complain the most about cold feet even if they have more than two pair of socks.

If you travel to Kindergarten by bicycle or scooter, then please make sure heads are protected by a helmet and feet by strong shoes.

Please make sure children have waterproof clothing. We are outside in all weathers. The children self-manage much better if you provide them with **two-part waterproof clothing: a jacket and waterproof dungarees or trousers.**

Please do not send your child to school in All-in-ones. They are difficult for children to put on or take off without help.

The winter weather can be a challenge for children and teachers at outdoor time. When warmly dressed, the children can thoroughly enjoy this time, but unsuitable clothing can drastically reduce their pleasure.

Please ensure your children come with enough warm clothing to put on to go for a brisk, sometimes freezing walk. In the winter we wear **woolly vests and several layers. Gloves, scarves, warm hat,** and wellington boots with **thick woolen socks** and waterproofs are essential in winter. **Sun hats** that fit properly are compulsory in summer.


### Indoor Clothing

During the morning, your child will change into **indoor slippers.** There needs to be a special pair left at kindergarten for your child. We recommend a style with a knitted cuff which fits snugly around the child's ankle (Haflinger, Living Kitzbutrel, Flossie and Giesswen provide good quality slippers).

Clothing should be free from pictures and logos and should support self-management. Clothing should be comfortable and plain, or with simple, small child appropriate pictures/drawings.

Please put labels on all your child's clothes that may be left at school.

Please do not bring your child to school in:

<p>Denim jeans Ragged, un-ironed or scruffy clothes Oversize/undersize clothing Any clothing with slogans Brands or letters on clothing Flat ballet-style shoes Bare feet</p>  <p>The image shows a black t-shirt with a large pink heart graphic on the front. Below the t-shirt is a collection of various animal-themed slippers, including a green frog, a grey elephant, a brown tiger, a white bear, a pink pig, a black penguin, a grey cat, a brown bear, a brown tiger, and a brown bear.</p>	<p>Jewellery, except pierced ears (with retaining studs only) or faith items (out of sight) Make up/nail varnish of any kind Dyed hair Hats with ears/additions (keep it simple_ Sequins or other type of touchable ornament (it is very distracting as other children want to touch it and most of time the child wearing it will not want to be touched)</p>  <p>The image shows a blue long-sleeved shirt with a unicorn graphic on the front. The unicorn is white with a rainbow mane and tail.</p>
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## Hair

Hair must be neatly combed/brushed at all times. hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tidy and kept off the face at all times.

## Spare Clothes

All children should have a complete set of spare clothes, which are to be left in Kindergarten. Please include a couple of pairs of socks as they often need to be changed after our walk!

## Summary of items to leave at Kindergarten

- Spare set of clothes, name tagged, including plenty of socks
- Simple cloth drawn string bag to put them in (with your child's name on it)
- A pair of slippers for use inside Kindergarten
- Full-set of waterproofs (unless coming to school in them)

## Lower School Dress Code

A good standard of hygiene and dress helps children feel good about themselves. It is also important for the image of the school in the local community and for prospective parents. Our dress code is as follows:

### Footwear

Indoors, children will wear **slippers** that need to be labelled and remain at school. We recommend a style with a knitted cuff which fits snugly around the child's ankle and has a non-slip rubber sole (Haflinger, Living Kitzbutrel, Flossie and Giesswen provide good quality slippers). Plimsoles are also acceptable.

Woodwork is the only indoor lesson when children require alternative footwear: **closed-toe preferably leather sturdy shoes**. These can also remain at school, labelled.

Outdoors, children will require appropriate footwear for the season, weather and activity: labelled **Wellington Boots** for Woodland Craft, labelled **Trainers** for outdoor games, sensible closed-toe shoes for playtime.



### **Waterproofs and warm-weather gear**

Please make sure your child has a full set of labelled waterproofs (**waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers or dungarees**). At The London Acorn School, we are not deterred by wet weather, so it is important that your child is appropriately dressed.

Likewise, please make sure your child is prepared for the winter months with adequate warm clothing (**hat, scarf, gloves, warm jacket, thick socks** – all labelled - are suitable). In summer months, **sun hats** are also suitable.

Clothing should be free from pictures and logos. Clothing should be comfortable and plain, or with simple, child appropriate pictures/drawings. The following are appropriate:

Smart trousers, dresses or skirts (no shorter than knee length)  
Shorts are acceptable in summer (no shorter than knee length)  
Blouse, shirt or smart top with a sensible cardigan/jumper/plain sweater.

Please do not bring your child to school in:

Faded, torn or dirty denim jeans	Flat ballet-style shoes
Ragged, un-ironed or scruffy clothes	Trainers, except for outdoor games
Oversize/undersize clothing	Bare feet
Any clothing with slogans, even for games	Jewelry, except pierced ears (with retaining studs only) or faith items (out of sight)
Brands or letters on clothing	Make up/nail varnish of any kind
Low cut or strappy tops	Dyed hair
Short skirts/shorts	Piercings other than ears
Hats inside school buildings	

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Hair must be neatly combed/brushed at all times. Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tidy and kept off the face at all times.

### **Spare clothes bag**

All children should have a complete set of labelled spare clothes, including underwear, which is to be left in a labelled bag at school.

### **Summary of items to leave at Lower School**

Slippers  
Woodwork shoes (can be brought in on specific day)  
Wellington boots  
Full set of waterproofs  
Spare clothes bag  
Trainers for games (can be brought in on specific day)