

Laleham Gap School – LGS52 Use of Personal Items Policy

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The Governing Body of Laleham Gap School acknowledges both statutory provision and intentionality within Equality; Diversity and Direct Discrimination legislation* culminating in the Equality Act 2010 (effective from 1 October 2010) in drafting and reviewing this school policy. The Governing Body actively seeks to promote policy measures to cease inequality, all forms of discrimination and enhance opportunity and well-being within every aspect of the school's business for pupils, staff, governors and community stakeholders.

*Sex Discrimination Act 1976; Race Relations Acts 1976 & 2000; Childcare Act 2006; DDA 1995 & 2005; Civil Partnership Act 2004; Gender Recognition Act 2004; Equality Acts 2006 & 7 and Statutory Instruments.

Use of Personal Items Policy

It has always been recognised that the residential pupils at Laleham Gap have a right to be treated as individuals and not as groups and the following practices are upheld:

- Pupils wear their own clothes outside of school time.
- Pupils have access to domestic washing machines and tumble dryers to launder their own clothes. This is helpful to extend their independent living skills.
- Pupils will be given the opportunity to go shopping to purchase their own personal requisites.
- Pupils keep their own clothing and toiletries for their personal use.
- Pupils have their own drawers and cupboards to store their clothes.
- Pupils can hand in items of value to keep safe.
- Girls have their own supply of sanitary protection, and guidance is available where necessary with a female staff member on shift at all times and school nurse available.
- Pupils bring pocket money into school which is held in safe-keeping for them but they sign the money in and out of their accounts, as they need it.
- Personal choice of decoration of rooms and children get choice of siting of the furniture and the personalisation of their room.
- Elected by their peers, residential pupils from the residence join the School Council to participate in the wider school issues or forward to the Senior Leadership Team requests from the residences. Meetings are held each half-term.