



## **Policy Document School Uniform**

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## **School Uniform Policy**

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. This does not include parents evenings or presentation evenings.

### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the pupil with the school;
- prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

**From 1/9/18, our uniform consists of:**

**V-necked Jumper** with school logo and / or **School Blazer**

**Plain black trousers (or skirt - plain or pleated, knee length)** - no leather, corduroy and denim. No leggings, ski pants, skin-tight trousers, shorts or ¾ trousers. No mini-skirts or tight fitting skirts. If tights are worn, they must be plain and not patterned. Many teenage and young person fashion shops sell trousers, which contravene these rules in their 'school' section; these are unacceptable.

**Winter Uniform** – White Shirt and Longfield clip on tie

**Summer Uniform** – Polo Shirt, parents / carers are given at least two weeks' notice of the change from summer / winter uniform. This will begin from Easter 2019.

**Black shoes** - shoes should give adequate cover of the foot for health and safety reasons. Trainers and plimsolls shoes are not acceptable and neither are leisure boots such as Rockport and Ugg boots. Shoes with multi-coloured soles (soles of shoes must be plain black and not have a coloured or white line through them) or uppers are unacceptable. Shoes must be plain black and not have stripes or logos of any kind visible.

**Jewellery** – no earrings or other jewellery. Watches are permitted, except for exams. This excludes Smart Watches, which are not allowed at any time. Rings of any type are not allowed. A pupil may be asked to remove any item of jewellery and it is their own responsibility to keep it safely within their belongings. For some practical subjects where Health and Safety as well as School Uniform Policy precludes the wearing of jewellery, staff may ask for the items to be removed at any time. These are stored securely and then it is the pupils own responsibility to ask for these items back at the end of the lesson.

**Nails** - whether natural or fake must be clear and of reasonable length. Coloured nails are not permitted. If a teacher feels that the nails are not of reasonable length or may be a hazard in a practical lesson they will be sent to the main office

**Makeup** - If make up is desired, it must be natural. Excessive make up is not acceptable. Fake eyelashes / lash extensions are not permitted.

**Coats** - should be an appropriate outdoor coat - no sweatshirts, hooded tops, cardigans, tracksuit tops or coats made of denim.

**Extreme hair dyes / multi coloured hair is not acceptable for any pupil** – hair must be a natural colour. Hairstyles / eyebrows must not have any lines, patterns or symbols showing. Examples of unacceptable hairstyles are dip dying, razor fading or high siding. A number zero is not permitted at any time.

A **school bag** large enough to carry an A4 file must be carried every day.

Longfield Academy has school bags for sale but any permitted bag is acceptable.

Pupils must attend school with the **necessary school equipment** each and every school day: Pen, pencil, rubber, calculator, practical equipment (where necessary) e.g. PE kit, ingredients etc.

A set of basic equipment is provided by Longfield Academy. Replacements can be purchased via the equipment shop at a small cost.

### **PE Kit**

- Longfield Black / Emerald PE Polo Shirt
- Longfield Shorts / Skort or alternatively, Longfield Leggings / Tracksuit Bottoms
- Longfield Black / Green Football Socks or Plain Black Football Socks
- Longfield Zip Up Jacket or Longfield Long-Sleeved Top (outdoor use only)
- Black Swim Shorts / Costume
- Swimming Goggles
- Swim Hat (for long hair)
- Shin Pads (compulsory)
- Mouth Guard (compulsory)
- Training Shoes (non-marking, for indoor activities)
- Football Boots / Trainers (for outdoor activities)

Please note that the above list is for new purchases. Your child can continue to wear their current items of PE kit until replacements are required.

### **Please note:**

- (i) We have high expectations that all pupils are of a smart and respectable appearance, dressed in the correct uniform.
- (ii) Pupils who do not follow the school policy for uniform will be issued with sanctions in line with the School Discipline (Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare Policy)

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their child to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their child to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents / carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

### **School Uniform Policy**

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers require their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

At Longfield, we are committed to providing value for money for parents / carers and our designated uniform will ensure the expense of uniform is limited. Should parents / carers wish to apply for funding support towards the cost of uniform, please contact the school.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents / carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and review**

The governing body will monitor and review the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents / carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head of School, any requests from parents / carers for individual pupils to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Head of School to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Thank you for your support with our School Uniform Policy