



Uniform Approach

2025 - 2028

Introduction

It is our belief that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought direct from the school, which are branded with the LPA logo, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets, which are unbranded. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is printed below.

Aims and objectives

Our approach on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or black trainers without

logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. Children should also not wear open toe shoes, flip flops, Crocs or sandals.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate Jumper/top from our 'pre-loved' supply to wear for that day. Parents will be contacted if any other inappropriate clothing is worn and children may be asked to go home and change or for the parent to bring appropriate clothing to school.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the principal.

The Role of the Academy Council

The Academy Council supports the principal in implementing the school uniform Approach. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform Approach and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the Approach is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Academy Council's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Councilors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

Monitoring of school uniform happens every day as part of our daily practice. It is evident during arrival when a child is not wearing uniform. On these occasions, a gentle conversation is had with the child about why they may not be in uniform and a reminder that this is the expectation.

However, we are mindful of prior information about circumstances that may not make this conversation appropriate. We encourage parents to tell us if their child is coming to school without uniform.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of green/black/grey. Most items can be bought from Monkhouse <https://www.monkhouse.com/>, or a supermarket. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, can be bought from the school.

The following items can be worn:

- black or grey shorts or skirt of appropriate length for warmer weather
- black/grey trousers or plain black jogging bottoms
- White polo shirt*
- Black sweatshirt*, with the Lansdown logo
- plain white short socks or black tights
- Pupils can bring a change of clothing / footwear for PE Lessons.



Shoes

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn, these should be plain black without logos. Children should wear shoes which they can manage to do up independently.