



Lincoln Christ's Hospital School

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

This School Uniform Policy was produced following an extensive consultation with all school stakeholders and in accordance with The Human Rights Act 1998 and DfE Guidelines as issued to schools in November 2021. It is compulsory for all students, in Years 7 – 11, at the school.

The recent legislation asks schools to ensure that their school uniform offers value for money. We also continue to support families with financial hardship and to keep a stock of second hand items in school. All washed donations are gladly received. In addition, the LCHS PTFA (Parent Teachers and Friends Association) offer a pre-loved uniform service which accepts donations and provides pre-loved items. For more information about this service please contact pta-proudvoices-lchs@outlook.com. Furthermore, any changes in our uniform policy, which have a financial implication, will be phased in so that no family needs to replace items unnecessarily.

Our uniform policy complies with the limit on branded items of school uniform and PE kit from 1st September 2026. There are just two branded items which must be purchased: the LCHS blazer and LCHS PE top (see detail on p.3). We also require all parents to purchase a tie which is our third designated item (although the tie can be an additional item within the government guidance). <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

Lincoln Christ's Hospital School is committed to setting high standards in all aspects of school life. This school uniform is integral to this, promoting consistency and helping to set the right climate for learning for all pupils. If pupils take pride in their appearance, they take pride in themselves, their school and their learning. Another reason for this uniform policy is to ease the pressure that children can put on parents to provide fashionable and often expensive clothes for school.

The Governors require all students attending Lincoln Christ's Hospital School to abide by their dress code and wear the school uniform, not only in school **but to and from school and on school organised activities, unless instructed otherwise**. There is no exception to the rule. It is a condition of membership of the school. The support of the parents is expected in enforcing this policy and it must be remembered that problems arise when the occasional student flouts the rule and others see it as unfair for them to conform to the school rule when somebody else does not.

Please help by ensuring that your son/daughter has all the correct uniform and arrives in school wearing it.

School Uniform

UNIFORM	FURTHER DETAILS
BLAZER*	A navy blue, school blazer with the school badge on the breast pocket.
TIE*	LCHS tie appropriate for their year group.
JUMPER*	A navy blue, school jumper or cardigan with the school badge. These items are optional but may be necessary during the winter months.
SHIRT	White, conventional style, school shirt with top button.
TROUSERS	Dark, graphite or charcoal grey, smart, full length, straight leg tailored trousers only in conventional school style. Cotton drill, jean style, chinos or skin tight are not acceptable (for the school to determine). Trousers should not be cropped (there should be no significant gap between the bottom of the trouser and the shoe).
SKIRT*	Grey, stitch down, pleated skirt with LCHS logo on the front only, black or grey tights. Must be worn as sold and not rolled over to shorten. The skirt is to be worn with tights. In summer months, there may be an update to uniform to allow the skirt to be worn with

	just socks in warmer weather. This will be communicated with parents/carers and students.
SOCKS	Plain black, dark grey or white.
SHOES	Black footwear with a low heel is allowed. This includes all-black trainers. Flimsy, fashion shoes, canvas shoes, or plimsolls are not allowed. Shoes should not have any removable attachments such as tags or charms.
SCHOOL BAG	All students are expected to attend each day with a suitably large bag to carry books and equipment. All students in Years 7 – 11 are expected to bring their provided LCHS Mobile Phone Pouch to school with them each day as part of their essential equipment.

Physical Education Uniform

PE tops	An LCHS polo shirt or LCHS rugby top.
PE bottoms	Plain navy blue, loose fitting, shorts or track suit bottoms. Girls only: LCHS leggings only. Students may continue to wear LCHS shorts, skorts etc. Plain navy blue football socks.
Additional required items	Navy blue or black swimming costume (girls) Navy blue or black swimming trunks/shorts (boys) Red swimming cap (boys and girls) Shin pads (boys and girls) Mouth guard (boys and girls)
Additional optional items	LCHS school hoodie Navy blue or black base layers

Advisory Notes

- The **blazer, tie and one PE top** (see above) are the **only compulsory LCHS items** that need to be purchased from Uniform Direct. Other items (trousers, shirts, socks, 'unbadged' PE kit) can alternatively be purchased from other suppliers.
- The LCHS 'badged' jumper and cardigan, LCHS skirt and other LCHS PE kit items can be purchased from Uniform Direct at the family's choice. These are not compulsory items, however, there is no substitution permitted for the jumper/cardigan, skirt or PE leggings. If your child wishes to have a jumper or cardigan, or wear a skirt or have leggings for PE it must then be LCHS one from Uniform Direct.
- Any unacceptable item(s) will be confiscated and held in the student's year office, to be collected at the end of the day.
- Blazers should be worn at all times outside of the classroom. Students are allowed to remove their blazers in the classroom with the teacher's permission.
- Students must also wear any health and safety equipment they are asked to. For example aprons, safety glasses or gloves.

Other Areas of Dress

Other Area of Dress	Further Details
Coats	Hoodies, denim jackets, non-weatherproof sports tops (such as Nike tech hooded tops) or non-school cardigans and jumpers are not acceptable.
Nails	Long nails are not permitted. It is for the school to determine what is an appropriate length for nails. If nails are deemed to be interfering with access to the curriculum, the parent/carers will be contacted to ask for their support.

	NB. Nail length is a health and safety matter in areas like PE. Rules of competition in sports (netball, for example) state that competitors must not have nails past the end of the fingertip.
Jewellery	The only jewellery allowed is a wristwatch (this must not be a Smart device), one signet ring, one bracelet and one set of very small stud earrings.
Hair	Long hair must be tied back for all Science, Sport and Design Technology lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Students with long hair are responsible for bring suitable hair ties to school for this purpose. We respect an individual's right to express themselves through hair choices. However, if a student has symbols or words shaved or dyed into their hair which are deemed to be offensive, they will work in our inclusion area until this is corrected.
Make-up	Natural and subtle make-up will be accepted in school but excessive make-up will not. It is for the school to determine what is acceptable make-up.
Piercings	Stretchers, spikes, retainers, helix bars, facial or tongue piercings are not allowed.

Items of clothing or jewellery that are associated with adherence to a religious faith or are associated with belonging to a particular ethnicity

The school uniform above may be supplemented with the following items for students who are members of a particular faith/ethnicity. If any families have any queries relating to the religious/ethnicity points, they should approach their child's Progress Leader to seek confirmation of the adjustment.

- Sikh head dress (navy blue preferred);
- Jewish skull caps;
- Head scarves for girls who follow the Muslim faith or who wear them as a normal part of their dress (navy blue preferred);
- Facial jewellery for girls who follow the Hindu faith;
- Jewellery for other religious or cultural reasons (please seek confirmation of this adjustment from Progress Leader).

Failure to follow the School Uniform Policy

This School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Home School Agreement which all families and students accept when students join our school (can be found in admissions pack, on our website [Parents/Policies/Statutory/Home School Agreement]).

To ensure that any infringement of the School Uniform Policy is handled fairly, school have a procedure in place. If a student has a medical reason or a note from a parent/carers, he/she will be issued with a green card for the dates set out in the note. Students who do not have a valid reason will be issued a red card and a detention for minor uniform infringements. More serious breaches of the school uniform policy will mean a student will study within the school

inclusion provision until the matter is remedied. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform school of any infringement: a note sent with the child, or an email/telephone call to the Pastoral Manager to authorise the infringement. When a student arrives in incorrect uniform and no contact is received from home, it will be treated as an unauthorised infringement.

Furthermore, any students who persistently refuse to follow this policy will be held in breach of our School Conduct for Learning Policy and will have break and lunch privileges withdrawn. Persistent failure will result in the student being placed in supervised inclusion provision. This may, in extremis, include school suspension.

Financial Cost

This policy has been developed to be an economical and cost effective way of clothing children for school. The school blazer is the single most expensive item. This is available complete with a badge from Uniform Direct. If families have difficulties in being able to purchase any items as a result of financial hardship, they are asked to contact the Headteacher to discuss support that may be available. In addition, they may contact LCHS PTFA to ask if there is a suitable pre-loved blazer available for them pta-proudvoices-lchs@outlook.com.

Details of our local store supplier of all the items that carry the school badge

- Uniform Direct, Dixon House, Dixon Way, Lincoln LN6 7XN
- Orders can be placed online – www.uniform-direct.com