



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 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 gladly received. The uniform changes in this policy will be phased in so that no family needs to replace items unnecessarily.

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. Skirt is not to be worn just with socks. Must be of reasonable length just above the knee and not rolled up.
SOCKS	Socks plain black or dark grey.
SHOES	Black, sensible, shoes that can be polished and have a low heel are allowed. Flimsy, fashion shoes, canvas shoes, plimsolls, trainers or boots are not allowed. Where a student is forced, due to legitimate medical reasons, to wear trainers instead of shoes, a medical note is required.
SCHOOL BAG	All students are expected to attend each day with a suitably large bag to carry books and 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 swimming costume (girls) Navy blue 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

- Only the blazer, tie and PE polo shirt are items that need to be purchased from Uniform Direct. All other items can alternatively be purchased from other suppliers.
- 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

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Coats	Hoodies, denim jackets, non-weatherproof sports tops or non-school cardigans and jumpers are not acceptable.
Nails	Long nails, false/gel nails and nail varnish are not permitted.
Jewellery	The only jewellery allowed is a wristwatch, one signet ring, one bracelet and one set of very small stud or sleeper earrings.
Hair	Extreme hairstyles are not permitted and the school reserves the right to advise parents on what it considers to be extreme. Closely shaved heads, brightly dyed/block or dip dyed hair and tramlines in hair or eyebrows are not acceptable. Rather than spend money unnecessarily on a hair style that is likely to be unacceptable students/parents are urged to consult with the Headteacher before any hair style is adopted. Long hair must be tied back for all Science, Sport and Design Technology lessons for Health and Safety reasons.
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 the Headteacher. He, in turn, will take advice from the DfE and/or religious community leaders before any final decision is made.

- 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.

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] or on pg 10-11 of the student planner).

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/carer, 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 in isolation until the matter is remedied. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform school of any infringement in writing (a signed note in the student planner) to authorise the infringement. When a student arrives in incorrect uniform and no note 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 isolation. 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.

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

- Uniform Direct, 333 High Street, Lincoln, LN5 7DQ
- Uniform Direct, Dixon House, Dixon Way, Lincoln LN6 7XN
- Orders can be placed online – www.uniform-direct.com