School Uniform Policy with effect from 1st September 2015

Introduction

This school uniform policy was produced following a consultation with all school stakeholders and in accordance with The Human Rights Act 1998 and DCFS Guidelines as issued to schools in October ’07. It is compulsory for all students as they join the school. This school uniform policy offers students a sense of belonging and security. It also allows families to clothe their children in an economical and suitable way for their children’s education. Compulsory items of uniform carrying the school badge are available from two independent suppliers. Please see below. All other items are readily available on the High Street.

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 also. It is a condition of membership of the school. Please help by ensuring that your son or daughter has all the correct uniform and arrives in school wearing it.

Section A. Regular School Uniform

The school uniform consists of the items listed below. We cannot accept any variations on this uniform. Additional items may be added on the grounds of religious faith or ethnicity. These are itemised in Section D. Please note that no other items other than those specifically mentioned may be added.

- A navy blue school blazer with the school badge on the breast pocket
- A school tie
- A navy blue jumper or cardigan with the school badge. These items are optional but may be necessary during the cold winter months

These items can be purchased from two independent suppliers. The details of these suppliers are below. School badges may also be purchased separately from both these suppliers for attaching to a navy blue blazer. The school also sells school ties.

- Smart black trousers/skirts. If smart black trousers are worn these should be tailored trousers that are not skin tight nor of a baggy loose fitting. They should be fitted around the waist and not be so long that they drag on the floor. If skirts are worn by girls these must be knee length. Short black fashion skirts are not acceptable.
- White shirt
- Black shoes; training shoes or plimsolls are not acceptable.
- An outdoor jacket or coat with no large logos, ideally waterproof, with or without a hood.

Nb. Hoodies, denim jackets, non-weatherproof sports tops or non-school cardigans are not acceptable. Please do not allow your son or daughter to come to school in any of these items. The above items are readily available in all High Street shops and from market stalls that sell clothing.
Section B - Physical Education Uniform

All items of Physical Education uniform must be badged items bought from our uniform suppliers. No other clothing is acceptable. It is strongly advised that parents ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked with the student’s name.

Compulsory for Girls
- School Polo Top (Fitted or Unisex),
- School Shorts or Skort,
- School Football Socks

Compulsory for Boys
- School Rugby Top,
- School Shorts,
- School Football Socks

Optional for Boys and Girls
- School Hoodie,
- School Tracksuit Bottoms,
- School Polo Top (Boys)
- Navy Blue base layer leggings and tops.

Other clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- 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).

Section C. Jewellery and Make up

On the grounds of Health and Safety only the following items of jewellery are allowed in school. However, if any jewellery is worn it must be removed for participation in any school sporting activity.

- Stud ear piercings, one pair. Ear Piercings designed to produce larger holes in ear lobes held open with a large ear stud are not acceptable.
- One ring on each hand
- A wristwatch

No other bodily piercings of any nature are acceptable at all.

- If make-up is worn it must be discreet and simple. Any student with excessive make up will be required to remove it.
- Nail varnish is not necessary for school and should not be worn.

Section D. 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 DCFS 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
**Section E. Hair**

The school cannot accept extremes of fashion in students’ hair styles. An example of unacceptable fashion would be a student who dyed their hair a very bright, unusual colour. The Headteacher reserves the right to decide whether or not an extreme fashion hair style is 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 hairstyle is adopted.

Long hair must be tied back for all science, sport and design and technology lessons for Health and Safety reasons.

**Section F. Failure to follow the school uniform code**

This school uniform code is an integral part of the Home School Agreement which all families and students accept when students join our school. Any students who persistently refuse to follow this code will be held to be in breach of our school behaviour code and will be treated in accordance with this. This may include school exclusion.

**Section G. Financial Cost**

This policy has been developed to be both 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 two independent suppliers. Blazers may be purchased from alternative retailers although the school badge will be required. This will need to be attached to the breast pocket.

If families have difficulties 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.

**Section H. Details of the supplier of the items that carry the school badge**

- Academy School Uniforms online ordering [http://www.academyschooluniforms.co.uk/shop/Lincoln-Christ-s-Hospital-School.html](http://www.academyschooluniforms.co.uk/shop/Lincoln-Christ-s-Hospital-School.html)
- Popla Print online ordering [www.poplaprint.co.uk/shop](http://www.poplaprint.co.uk/shop)
- Please note the schoolwear suppliers called Uniform Direct DO NOT sell the badged items of our school uniform.

Order forms for both these suppliers are available from the Student Reception office at any time. They will also be given to all families, along with this policy, when their children join our school.

Both these suppliers above will attend the Year 6 evening for new students which is held in the summer term before students join Year 7 in September.

**Preparation & Review**

This policy was prepared by Mrs C Owens, Assistant Headteacher, after a detailed consultation.

It was approved by the School Governors in February ’08. Review March 2015