Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School

School Uniform Policy

Link member of staff: Claire Owens

Date presented to Governors: October 2016

Review Date: Autumn Term 2017
School Uniform Policy with effect from 1st September 2015

for academic year September 2016 – 2017

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 2007. 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 be 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

The above items are readily available in all high street shops and from market stalls that sell clothing.

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. If students bring such items to school, the items will be confiscated and kept in a year office for collection by the student at the end of the day.
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 Protection 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 hair style is adopted.

Long hair must be tied back for all Science, Sport and Design Technology lessons for Health and Safety reasons.

Section F. 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 P8-9 of the student planner).

To ensure that any infringement of the School Uniform Policy is handled fairly school have a procedure in place (see Appendix A). It is the responsibility of the parent or 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 be treated in accordance with this. This may, in extremis, 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

School PE uniform items:

- Academy School Uniforms online ordering
  http://www.academyschooluniforms.co.uk/shop/Lincoln-Christ-s-Hospital-School.html

School Uniform items:

- Popla Print online ordering www.poplaprint.co.uk/shop

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.

In addition, our School and PE Uniforms are now (from 21st October 2016) also available from:

- Uniform Direct, 333 High Street, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. LN5 7DQ or via their website:
  http://www.uniform-direct.com/

Academy School Uniforms also run pop-up shops in school through the academic year and in the summer holidays. The dates of these shops are displayed on the school website and are shared via written communication, Parent Mail and Twitter. Both these suppliers above will be invited to attend the Year 6 Evening for new students which is held in the summer term before students join Year 7 in September.

Preparation and Review

This Policy was prepared by Mr F White, Deputy Headteacher, after a detailed consultation in 2008. It was approved by School Governors in February 2008.

It is reviewed each year. It was reviewed by Mrs C Owens, Assistant Headteacher, in May 2016 and agreed by School Governors in May 2016.

A Full Review and consultation is scheduled for Autumn Term 2016 ready for publication in January 2017 with any proposed changes ready for September 2017.

Appendix A
LCHS School Uniform Policy
Page 5 of 6
The replacement item should be worn by the student. This will be signed for and if not returned, billed.

Is there a medical reason for the infringement which prevents us from providing spare uniform?

Yes: The student should be given a green card for the dates set out in the note.

No: Is there a suitable replacement in the uniform store for the student to wear?

Yes: A green card should be issued.

No: Is the student going to wear the replacement item?

Yes: The replacement item should be worn by the student. This will be signed for and if not returned, billed.

No: By refusing a replacement item, the student is choosing to spend time in isolation. They should be taken to isolation and their work for the day should be collected by the runners and taken to isolation for them to complete. Their parents should be contacted to explain that they are completing their work in isolation as they have refused to follow staff instructions. This will be logged in SIMS: failure to follow instruction: uniform. The student remains in isolation while they refuse to wear the item; there is no LG DT issued.

If the student reconsiders and is prepared to wear the replacement item, they can then return to lessons. If the original infringement was unauthorised a break detention will be needed so if they leave isolation before break a uniform infringement detention should be issued (stamp in planner) and logged in SIMS.

Is the student going to wear the replacement item?

Yes

No

Authorised Uniform Infringement

Unauthorised Uniform Infringement

Is there a suitable replacement in the uniform store for the student to wear?

No

Yes: Is the student going to wear the replacement item?

Yes: The replacement item should be worn by the student. An unauthorised uniform infringement detention should be issued (stamp in planner) and logged in SIMS.

No