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The information in the table below provides details of the earlier versions of this document and brief details of reviews and, where appropriate, amendments which have been made to later versions. Please note, the most recent changes are highlighted in yellow.

Version Number	Version Description	Date of Revision
1	Original	October 2010
2	Amendments made - minor word changes	October 2012
3	Minor word changes re nail varnish	October 2014
4	Minor word changes	October 2016
5	No changes	October 2018
6	Minor word changes	July 2019
7	Minor word changes/COVID addendum	July 2020
8	Minor word changes re PE Hoodies	July 2022
9	Minor word changes re Removal of Covid exemptions, change to consequences and change to FOLS uniform sale. Changes to grammar were also made.	July 2023

Principles

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniforms in this policy, on our school website and in the welcome pack for new starters.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniforms is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- prevents bullying
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind
- prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools that Lanercost Church of England children will attend in future years.

Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Chair of Governors.

Navy blue sweatshirts/sweat cardigans/zip-up fleeces/jackets, blue polo shirts and PE kits - embroidered with the school name and logo can be ordered online from Price and Buckland. We strive hard to provide the best value for money.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. This prevents uniform from becoming lost.

Uniform

- Plain white shirt/blouse/navy polo shirt with school logo
- Black/grey/white tights or black/grey/white socks
- School logo sweatshirt/cardigan
- School fleece/coat - optional

- School grey tunic or skirt, school black or grey shorts/culottes or school black/grey trousers
- Sensible and safe black/brown/navy shoes. Please ensure children only wear footwear with laces if they can tie them independently.

Please note that socks or tights must **always** be worn.

Optional Summer Uniform

- Blue and white check/striped dress/skirt/blouse
- White tights/leggings
- Sensible sandals (black/navy/brown/blue/white and preferably closed-toed) – no Crocs/mules. Black/grey/white socks must always be worn.

School Bags

Large rucksack-type bags are not permitted in school as they are unnecessary and cause a Health and Safety hazard in the cloakroom areas.

Games and P.E.

In addition to the above, children should also have a separate PE uniform. Children will be expected to come to school in PE kits on PE days.

- White T-shirt and blue/black shorts are available to order from Price and Buckland
- Optional PE hoodie with the school logo available from Price and Buckland or plain black/navy jumper, their school jumper or plain black/navy hoodie
- Trainers for outdoor games – predominantly white/dark coloured. **NO** baseball boots or Converse (All-Stars) type shoes.
- Navy/black/grey jogging bottoms/sports trousers for outdoor sports in cold weather that are not branded, e.g. not with sports logos.
- Football boots (no blades) or trainers may be worn for football, and shin pads must be worn for safety reasons.
- Drawstring bag for P.E. clothing clearly labelled with your child's name.

Woodland School

For afternoons attending Woodland School, children must wear ankle-length trousers/leggings as part of their school uniform for safety purposes. **They will change into them at lunchtime.**

- Optional PE hoodie with the school logo available from Price and Buckland or plain black/navy jumper, their school jumper or plain black/navy hoodie
- Appropriate footwear for being in the woods – dependent on the time of year.
- Trousers/leggings that are not branded, e.g. not with sports logos.

- School fleece/coat - optional

Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery (including sunglasses), with the exception of analogue watches and plain stud earrings are not permitted. Children with pierced ears are allowed to wear studs, but these should be covered or removed for P.E. and removed for swimming.

Swimming

Your child will need swimwear (not board shorts or bikinis), a towel, a waterproof bag and a swimming cap and goggles if necessary.

Makeup and Cosmetics

Make-up, cosmetics/nail varnish (including French Manicure)/temporary tattoos are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

Hair

If hair is shoulder length or longer, it must be tied up. Pupils should not have hair fashions designed to attract attention; this includes dyed hair and styles such as spikes, Mohicans etc. Close shaved heads are not allowed (minimum number 4). Images, shapes and lines should not be cut into the hair.

Naming uniform and Lost property

All uniforms and personal items should be marked with your child's name to return lost property. We advise that children in reception have their labelling in lowercase letters to make it more recognisable to them.

Early Years Requirements

It is important, for the promotion of social independence, that the younger children can manage their own clothes and shoes (e.g. Velcro). This should be considered when purchasing school uniforms.

Consequences

When a pupil does not adhere to the school uniform policy, the class teaching staff or the headteacher will discreetly try to establish why not by speaking to the child politely and then to

the parents. A letter will be sent to the parents if the school uniform policy is still not adhered to. If a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform because their parents are in financial difficulties, we will be sensitive to their needs.

We will give parents time to purchase the required items and/or consider whether a school or local authority clothing grant can be applied for.

Uniform from FOLS

FOLS have a small supply of used uniforms donated from previous families. There is usually a yearly sale where parents or carers can buy reduced, used uniforms. From September 2023, this sale will take place at least once per term.

Weather

Per the weather, the Headteacher can allow children to wear a fleece in lessons, and extra layers may be worn due to increased ventilation within the school.

During the warmer months, the Headteacher can email parents to express exemptions to this policy (e.g. sandals) to ensure the children are comfortable during lessons.