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School Uniform Policy 2025 – 2026











Lincroft Academy Uniform Policy 2025 - 26

At Lincroft Academy, we CARE about uniform.

School uniform is an important part of our Community values and identity. We expect students to demonstrate our value of Excellence by wearing their uniform correctly at all times, including to and from school. Our uniform expectations apply to all students equally. We expect that uniform will be clean, tidy and avoid extremes of fashion and individual modifications. We work to make it affordable and simple for all students and families.

Our Academy uniform helps to:

- · Instil pride and a sense of belonging
- Support positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourage identity with, and support for, the school ethos
- Quickly and easily identify our students
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way

DFE Uniform Guidance

Reasonable adjustments

If your child has recognised sensory difficulties linked to a special educational need that you feel might warrant some agreed adaptations outside of this policy, please contact our SEND department to discuss with them contactsend@lincroft.academy.

Working together

Our partnership with parents/carers is essential to the consistent implementation of this policy. Please inform your child's house team if there are issues with uniform that we can support with. If you require clarification regarding what is or is not acceptable, please contact your child's House Office. If in doubt, please consult us before purchasing items. Although the requirements of students' uniform are set out as clearly as possible in this policy, occasionally anomalies occur. In all cases, the Principal's decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform is final.

Availability & affordability

The school uniform shop is online with our uniform supplier Price & Buckland: www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/Lincroft. A number of items in our uniform policy are unbranded and can be purchased from a range of stockists, to make it more affordable. We appreciate donations of outgrown uniform that can be used as spares, re-issued to families in need or sold in our pre-loved shop. Pre-loved items are available in school via administration@lincroft.academy. We encourage parents to reuse and recycle uniform; however, we suggest checking this policy to ensure products are still current.

Uniform policy review

Our uniform policy and supplier are regularly reviewed. We seek the views of stakeholders as part of the process. This policy was updated following consultation with parents/carers, students, staff and Academy Council (Governors) in 2024/25.

Date of next review. September 2026

School Uniform: We strongly advise that items of uniform and equipment are named, so that they can be returned to their owner if they get lost.

Item	Compulsory or Optional?	Available at Price & Buckland?	Non-branded item permitted?
Black Lincroft Academy blazer with school logo	It is Compulsory	Y	N
<u>OR</u>	to wear one		
Black Lincroft Academy V-neck jumper with school logo	of these		
(students may also wear this jumper under a blazer)	items	Υ	N
Plain white shirt, tucked in and top button done up	Compulsory	Υ	Υ
School tie in House colours (students must wear their school tie neatly around the collar with the top button fastened. The tie should rest at or just above the waistband, with the badge clearly visible below the knot)	Compulsory	Y	N
Plain, full length, black tailored trousers (leggings, jeggings,		Υ	Υ
jeans, chinos, cropped trousers or trousers of stretch or jersey			
material are not permitted)			
<u>OR</u>	It is		
<u>OK</u>	Compulsory		
Black school skirt with full pleat, of a length ending from the	to wear one of these	V	Υ
knee to the mid-calf when standing	items	Y	Y
For 25/26, students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 may continue to wear their		.,	.,
Lincroft Academy tartan skirt (skirts must be of a length ending		Y	Υ
from the knee to the mid-calf when standing).			
Skirts - please see graphic below for clarity			
Plain black/nude tights OR black, white or grey socks	Compulsory	N	Y
Plain black shoes or ankle boots (see pictures for further clarification of acceptable footwear)	Compulsory	N	Y
Plain black V-neck jumper worn under blazer (crew neck	Optional	Υ	Υ
jumpers, any other jumper, sweatshirt and cardigan, or items with			
logos are not permitted). This item is an additional item and may			
not be worn as an alternative to the branded jumper or blazer.			
Plain black, knee length tailored shorts may be worn in the	Optional	Υ	Υ
summer term (cycling shorts, jeans, chinos, cropped trousers,	(April to July		
culottes, stretch, jersey or denim material are not permitted)	only)		
A waterproof, outdoor coat (Suede jackets, denim jackets,	Optional	N	Υ
leather jackets, hoodies, tracksuit tops and sports jumpers are not			
permitted) For safety reasons, please avoid red coats.			

For clarity:

Skirts (this visual is provided as a guide and is not exhaustive).

An unbranded, black, full pleated skirt to end from the knee to the mid-calf when standing, will be available from Price & Buckland. However, this style of skirt can be purchased from a range of retailers.



Shoes (this visual is provided as a guide and is not exhaustive)



PE and Dance Kit: We strongly advise that items of uniform and equipment are named, so that they can be returned to their owner if they get lost.

Item	Compulsory or Optional?	Available at Price & Buckland?	Non-branded item permitted?
Lincroft Academy red polo sports shirt	Compulsory	Υ	N
Plain, navy, loose fitting football-style shorts		Υ	Y
<u>OR</u>			
Plain, navy double sports short (running/sports short with cycling undershorts insert) OR	It is compulsory to wear one of these	Y	Y
Plain, navy tracksuit bottoms OR	items	Y	Υ
Plain, navy sports leggings (leggings must be fully opaque)		Y	Y
For 25/26 students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 may choose to continue to wear black leggings			
Red football socks (may be branded with navy stripe or plain red)	Compulsory for football	Υ	Υ
Black, grey or white socks (crew, ankle or trainer style)	Compulsory	N	Y
Trainers (canvas including Vans/Converse style are not permitted)	Compulsory	N	Υ
For safety, no footwear or socks permitted in the Dance Studio			
The following items are optiona	I for PE:		
Lincroft Academy navy ¼ zip tracksuit top	Optional	Υ	N
OR Lincroft Academy navy sports sweatshirt	Optional	Y	N
OR Lincroft Academy navy rugby shirt (No other tracksuit tops, sweatshirts or rugby shirts are permitted)	Optional	Y	N
Plain navy netball skort	Optional	Υ	Y
Plain navy or black base layer(s) to wear under PE kit	Optional	N	Υ
Football boots (recommended for football*)	Optional	N	Υ
GCSE Dance T-shirt (this cannot be worn for PE)	Optional for GCSE students	N	N
Equipment required for PI			
Shin pads	Compulsory for football*		
Mouth guard	Compulsory for rugby*		

^{*}sports-specific items for safety are only required when this sport is taught in the curriculum. Students will be informed in advance.

Please note that items in blue will be available to pre-order from Price and Buckland after Easter 2025.

Jewellery

Permitted jewellery items (must be of a style that is safe for a school environment):

- A watch (In line with our behaviour policy, interactive / smart watches are not permitted in school)
- Up to two small **stud** earrings in each ear
- One plain nose **stud**
- Plain rings are permitted on the fingers
- Any necklace worn must be tucked into the shirt collar

All items <u>must be removed</u> for PE – taping will not be permitted so please ensure that any new ear or nose piercings only take place at the start of the summer holidays. All jewellery should also be removed at break/lunch times, if taking part in recreational sport in designated areas.

Any other jewellery, facial and body piercings, including stretchers and plastic retainers, are not permitted on health & safety grounds. We advise that all valuable items and/or those of sentimental value are left at home to avoid loss/damage, for which we are not responsible.

Make up & hair styles

Make up, if worn, should be applied naturally and subtly without extreme colour. Nail varnish and short gel nails may be worn. For safety, long false nails, pointed nails and nail jewellery are not permitted.

No tramlines or patterns should be shaved into hair/eyebrows. Long hair can be worn down and tied back for practical lessons such as Science, Food Technology, Design Technology, PE and Dance, or as required for safety in lessons when requested by a member of staff.

Hats, sweatbands and bandanas should not be worn unless they are agreed as a reasonable adjustment for SEND or medical reasons. Sunhats and sunglasses may be worn in the summer term during break and lunch time only during hot and sunny weather.

Religious dress

Religious headwear should be black, no longer than shoulder length, and must not obscure the face. Requests for religious dress not covered in this policy should be made to the Principal in writing.

Compliance

In the event that students do not meet the expectations of our uniform policy, the following will apply: lst occasion/first day: U1 – Incorrect uniform (Level 1) recorded and notification via MCAS.

2nd occasion/second day: U2 - Incorrect uniform (Level 2) recorded and notification via MCAS.

3rd occasion (and subsequent occasions): U3 - Incorrect uniform (Level 3) recorded and notification via MCAS.

Subsequent occasions will be treated as persistent defiance as per our behaviour policy.

At all stages, students may be offered clean items of uniform to wear, or parents/carers may be contacted to bring correct uniform to school. Items which are not part of our uniform policy will be confiscated as per our behaviour policy.