



Lawnside Academy

School Uniform Policy

1. Purpose

This policy sets out Lawnside Academy's expectations for school uniform in accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and the Equality Act 2010. The governing board is the responsible body for ensuring compliance.

2. Principles

The uniform policy is designed to:

- Promote a sense of identity and belonging
- Support equality and inclusion
- Ensure affordability for all families
- Avoid unnecessary branded items
- Provide clarity and consistency

3. Affordability and Branded Items

In line with statutory guidance:

- Compulsory branded items are limited to no more than three
- Unbranded, supermarket-available alternatives must be permitted
- The school will avoid frequent changes to uniform
- Second-hand uniform will be made available
- Supplier arrangements will be reviewed regularly for value for money

4. Standard Uniform Requirements

Everyday uniform:

- Red sweatshirt / cardigan / fleece (branded or unbranded)
- White / red polo shirt (branded or unbranded)
- Grey / black trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore
- Red gingham dress (optional)
- Black school shoes

PE kit:

- White / red t-shirt (branded or unbranded)
- Grey / black shorts or joggers
- Trainers / plimsolls
- Optional red sweatshirt / cardigan / fleece (branded or unbranded)

5. Equality and Inclusion

The school will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with:

- Religious or cultural dress requirements
- Disabilities or medical needs
- Sensory needs
- Other protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010

Requests for adjustments will be considered sensitively and individually.

6. Jewellery, Hair, and Appearance

- Only stud earrings and watches are permitted
- Earrings must be removed or taped for PE
- Long hair must be tied back for safety
- Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted

7. Communication and Consultation

The governing board will:

- Consult parents, pupils, and staff on significant changes
- Review the policy annually
- Publish the policy on the school website

8. Complaints

Concerns about uniform should be raised with the school in the first instance. If unresolved, parents may follow the school’s complaints procedure.

9. Monitoring

The governing board will monitor compliance with statutory guidance and ensure the policy remains affordable, inclusive, and appropriate.

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