



Longwick C of E Combined School

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School Uniform

For the purpose of this document, the term '**parent**' refers to any adult with legal responsibility for a child at the school, including mothers, fathers, carers, guardians and those with parental responsibility.

We are proud of the children at Longwick School and want them to look smart in their uniform so that they may '**Grow, Flourish and Fly**'. As a school, we have a simple uniform that should be worn each day unless your child is having a PE lesson or attending Forest School or Farm School.

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of, and from, all pupils. Through our uniform policy and dress codes we aim to:

- create a feeling of community and belonging which is part of our Christian ethos
- promote a sense of pride in our school
- encourage a sense of equality and identity
- protect pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- support teaching and learning

In these ways, the uniform policy supports the overall aims of the school.

The role of parents

We ask **all parents to fully support the school uniform requirements**. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready to learn. Parents should ensure that their child is wearing the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair and clearly labelled.

Expectations

It is expected that **all uniform is clearly named** in several places on each item (written or label) and that children will wear the school uniform each day with the appropriate footwear. **If a child:**

- **does not wear the correct uniform** - a verbal reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the child and/or parents
- **continues to not wear the correct uniform** - a written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents (**Appendix 1**)
- **arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing** which causes concern (e.g. too short, too tight, unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc.) parents will be called to provide appropriate school uniform the following day, otherwise school may provide uniform for the child to wear.

The role of the children

We ask all children who attend our school to follow the school uniform policy. We believe that they have a responsibility arrive at school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. Children should ensure that they wear the correct uniform including footwear and follow the policy guidelines about hair, jewellery and make-up. They are responsible for locating items of clothing that they may lose during the school day. If make-up is visible, they will be asked to remove it the same day.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform requirements. It considers all representations from parents regarding these requirements and liaises with the

Head Teacher to ensure that concerns are treated fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform requirements helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and protects modesty.

Uniform

The school website provides parents with full details and images of the uniform to be worn – see below for a list.

Items of uniform with Longwick School logo can be purchased from our uniform suppliers:

1. [Bucks Schoolwear](#) Plus, Unit 11, The Vale Industrial Estate, Southern Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 9EW
2. [Earth Uniform](#)
3. School uniform without the school logo may also be purchased from other retailers but must be in-keeping with the style sold with our uniform suppliers.

Second-hand items are available via Friends of Longwick School. Any unnamed and items in good condition left unclaimed will be sold at the end of each half term.

Winter Uniform

- **Navy** tailored trousers, shorts or skirt (**no leggings, skorts or cycling shorts – skirts must be knee length or just above – see modesty below**)
- **Longwick School logo** sweatshirt/cardigan/ fleece
- **Jade colour** polo shirt (plain or badged).
- **Plain** tights or socks in black, navy or white.
- **Black** school shoes
- Waterproof jacket (preferably dark black or navy)
- Wellies or change of shoes when weather is wet and muddy

Note: Children will not be allowed to play on grass areas or identified areas of the playground if they do not have a change of shoes when conditions are wet and muddy.

Summer Uniform

- **Navy** tailored trousers or **knee-length**, tailored shorts (**no leggings, skorts or cycling shorts – skirts must be knee length or just above – see modesty below**)
- Dress in blue gingham or navy **knee-length** skirt (**no skorts – see modesty below**)
- **Longwick School logo** sweatshirt/cardigan/ fleece
- **Jade colour** polo shirt (plain or badged).
- Plain tights or socks in black, navy or white.
- Black school shoes (**no coloured stripes or logos**)

PE Uniform

- **School badged PE** T-Shirt in **jade**
- **Plain** shorts in **navy** – (**No skorts or cycling shorts – see modesty below**)
- **Plain** tracksuit top/ school fleece in **navy**
- **Plain** tracksuit bottoms / leggings in **navy**
- **Plain** socks in white, navy or black
- **Plain** trainers in black or white

Forest and Farm School Clothing

- **Long-sleeved top** - **non-negotiable** in all weathers
- **Long trousers/leggings** – **non-negotiable** in all weathers
- **Jumper**, fleece or sweatshirt
- **Waterproof coat** — if possible, different to the usual smart coat for everyday use
- **Wellies/old trainers** — essential in wet weather
- **Hat** — essential sun hat in summer; woolly hat in winter
- **Gloves** — essential in winter
- **Thick socks** — not essential
- **Waterproof trousers** — not essential
- **Spare clothes YR, KS1**— not essential – just in case of trips or spills

Other Essential Items

- **Named** Reception and KS1 - Bookbag
- **Named** KS2 - rucksack - no bigger than A4 size
- **Named** water bottle in school at all times

Modesty

The school **does not permit skirts that are too tight, too short, skorts or cycling shorts, as part of school or PE uniform (see above for details)**. While skorts are marketed as practical sportswear, many styles available for primary-aged children are too short, not sufficiently modest and not appropriate for active school life. For safeguarding, comfort, and age-appropriate modesty, children should wear knee-length skirts, school dresses, or school-approved, tailored trousers/shorts. These should all be of an appropriate length and not sit too high above the knee. **Tracksuit bottoms or leggings** are allowed for **PE**.

Footwear

- School shoes should be **completely black** with **no other colour stripes, slogans or logos** visible
- School shoes should enclose the entire foot, preferably laced or Velcro.
- Completely plain black, smart trainers may be acceptable. If unsure, please speak to the class teacher.

Not permitted: boots in any other colour than black, boots with adornments and accessories, crocs, sandals, Ugg-type footwear, ankle boots, shoes with heels, sliders, flip flops, strappy sandals and other inappropriate footwear.

In **Spring and Summer** as the children begin to grow out of their shoes, footwear should be replaced with a cheaper, plain black pair of sensible trainers that will see them through to the end of term.

Non-Essential Footwear - Weather Dependent Guidance

When the weather changes, children have the **option to wear indoor and outdoor footwear**

1. **Outdoor pair** (wellies /old, outdoor trainers) for **wet, muddy playground conditions**
2. **Indoor pair** - can be usual **everyday school shoes or plain black plimsolls**, kept clean and smart for use inside.

The children can walk to school and from school in their outdoor pair should you choose. They then change in to their indoor pair when entering the building. They can do this after break and lunch time play.

This helps keep **carpets, desk legs, chairs and learning spaces** clean, and ensures children remain **comfortable** throughout the day.

Note: There is no requirement to buy more than one pair of shoes! If you are unclear, please speak to the class teacher.

Hair

- Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied with a simple bobble, hair band or small bow in colours: plain navy blue, black or dark green
- Unnatural hair colouring (a colour that is not a natural hair colour) is not permitted, i.e. a bright, extreme dye or vivid colour or a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast. Permanent or temporary coloured hair sprays and dyes are not permitted.
- Hair cuts, that could serve as a distraction for other children, must be cut in a conventional manner - no markings, shaved shapes, lines or letters and not shorter than a grade 2.

Jewellery - Please see the separate ODBST Earring and jewellery statement below for further information

- Smart watches are not permitted
- Medical bracelets may be worn with an accompanying medical letter.
- Only small stud earrings are permitted, one per ear. They should be removed on PE days. School staff are not permitted to remove or cover earrings.

The school will not be held responsible for items that are lost on the school premises.

Other

- Body paint, temporary tattoos and hand-drawn tattoos are not permitted except for religious purposes
- Make-up (including mascara and lip gloss) are not permitted at any time
- Nail varnish and nail extensions of any kind are not permitted at any time

Please ensure children do not attend school with any of these items.

Children will be asked to remove make-up and tattoos in school time.

Inclusion

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. Reasons for modifications to our school uniform, such as religious, SEND, medical or other, will be considered by the Head Teacher and SENDCo.

The school can provide support with the cost of school uniform for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you would like to discuss assistance, please contact the school office in confidence.

We want to ensure that the cost of uniform does not lead to any pupil feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. Parents who are unable to provide their child with the required items of school uniform should contact the Headteacher. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity.

ODBST Earring & Jewellery Policy statement 2026

Purpose of the Policy Statement

The Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust (ODBST) is committed to ensure that all pupils participate in in PE in a safe environment. This trust-wide policy sets out clear expectations regarding the wearing of earrings and jewellery in order to reduce avoidable risks, in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and Association of Physical Education (afPE) guidance.

General Rules for Jewellery across ODBST Schools

- Pupils may wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings during the school day, however the **school discourages the wearing of jewellery, at all times, for health and safety reasons.**
- Dangly earrings, hoops, necklaces, bracelets, rings, and smart watches are not permitted.
- Staff must not insert, remove, tape, or adjust earrings for pupils.

Guidance information:

1. Earrings and Jewellery during PE and Physical Activity

All earrings and jewellery must be removed for PE, school sports, active play and physical extra-curricular activities. Pupils unable to remove earrings cannot participate in practical PE. Safe keeping of removed items is the responsibility of the child.

2. Newly Pierced Ears

New piercings require approximately six weeks before earrings can be safely removed. During this period, pupils who cannot remove earrings will complete non-practical PE activities.

3. Taping Earrings

Taping earrings is not permitted.

*The British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in PE (BAALPE) guidance supports afPE and states that **earrings must be removed** and must **not be taped**, as taping "creates a perception of safety and is not recommended." The wearing of jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly.*

4. Religious and Cultural Jewellery

Health and Safety law takes precedence where risk exists. Pupils do not have an unlimited right to wear religious items during activities presenting a safety risk.

5. Responsibilities

Parents must ensure children can remove their earrings for PE if they wear them to school. School staff will not be able to remove pupil earrings or jewellery.

Appendix 1 letter to parent



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APPENDIX 1

Standard communication to parents

Date: Dear Parent/Carer

Child's name:

Class:

Dear, we noticed that your child, xxxxx did not wear the correct school uniform to school today. The breach of school requirements is as follows: XXX

I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school.

As our policy states: A high standard of personal appearance is expected of, and from, all pupils. Through our uniform policy and dress codes we aim to:

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I would therefore be very grateful if you could make ensure that XXX wears the correct school uniform by the end of the week. If you need to discuss this further or require support, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Ms Collinson
Headteacher