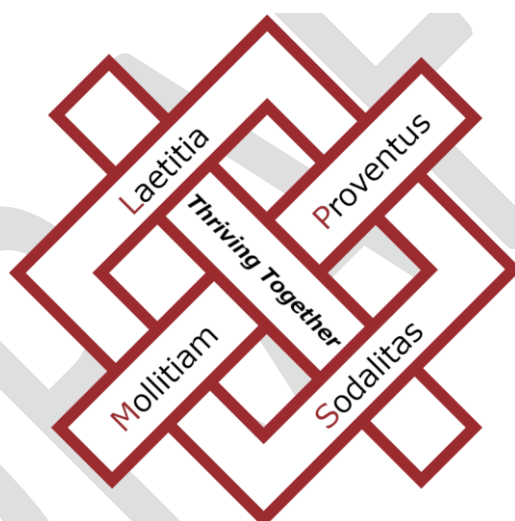




Lytchett Matravers Primary School

Uniform Policy

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1. History of Policy Changes

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change
21.07.25	3	Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum and can now only mandate up to three branded items, with secondary and middle schools allowed a fourth if one is a branded tie. This change is designed to lower the cost of uniforms for families.	HET

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3. Introduction

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform and further linked guidance on [expectations](#).

4. Our School's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, disability, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils.
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back).
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their gender.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils' parents / carers to get in touch with the school's leadership team by contacting the school office, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests:

[Contact | Lytchett Matravers](#)

5. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable. In considering cost, Lytchett Matravers Primary School has taken into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

Our school uniform only requires one branded item to be worn, which can be a jumper, cardigan or fleece (children can choose between these items). All other elements of the uniform are unbranded and available at multiple retailers.

The school uses R T Promotions as their uniform supplier for branded goods. This followed a detailed tendering process being completed where multiple suppliers submitted a tender to be the school's uniform supplier. The highest priority during this process was given to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garments): the best value for money has been secured. This contract will be retendered at least every 5 years.

Lytchett Matravers Primary School ensures that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire through the school uniform 'shop'. This provides donated clothing free of charge to parents / carers and is run by a volunteer who was previously a member of staff at the school. The 'shop' is usually open on a weekly basis but all staff can access stock when needs arise. The 'shop' is promoted by school staff and shared in information evenings and the school's newsletter.

Lytchett Matravers Primary School has engaged with parents / carers through an online form prior to the review of this policy. Specific changes within the policy reflect feedback from the parent / carer body and also the consensus of opinion about existing uniform. At Lytchett Matravers Primary School, uniform is worn throughout the school as we believe it encourages a sense of belonging and identity.



6. Uniform at our School

Our aim is that uniform is inclusive and low cost. It consists of the following items:

- White polo shirt (plain)
- Lytchett Matravers branded jumper, cardigan or fleece
- Grey plain skirt (knee length), grey shorts or grey trousers (any school year) / Grey plain pinafore dress (Reception, Year One and Year Two only)*
- Plain grey socks or tights
- A summer gingham dress (red and white check) can be worn in warmer weather – white socks can be worn with a summer dress only.
- Plain black sensible school shoes, not boots or trainers. Shoes should be all black, including the soles, and in good condition so that pupils are safe and comfortable.

During winter months all children should wear a coat as they spend time outside during the day.

* During the 2026-2027 academic year, pinafore dresses will be permitted for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 as the children grow out of their existing uniform.

7. Pre-loved uniform

We ask all parents to donate any uniform that is still in good condition but is no longer used. Provision of second-hand uniform is held throughout the year on Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30. This is open to all families requiring uniform. All staff can also access the supply of uniform from the 'shop' during the school day to meet any need dynamically.

8. P.E. Kits

All children are required to have a P.E. uniform which consists of

- Plain black shorts, 'skorts', tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no sporting logos)
- Plain T-shirt in house colours (Arundel – yellow; Maltravers – blue; Trenchard – green)
- Plain white or grey socks
- Sports trainers (Please note: indoor gymnastics will be conducted in bare feet)
- Optional school branded hoodie or plain hoodie in school maroon colour (school jumper or fleece can be worn as an alternative)

9. General Appearance

Hair

- All hair at or below shoulder length must be tied back or braided at all times in school, but especially during P.E. and games lessons.
- Hair ties and headbands must be small and discreet.
- Hair should be off the face, clipped back and not obscuring sight.
- Hair should be no shorter than a Grade 2 cut and pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, including dyed or streaked hair and images or lines cut into the hair.

Jewellery

Apart from plain stud earrings and small analogue or digital watches (which have an educational value in helping children to learn how to tell the time and take responsibility for their own time keeping),

the wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted. Items can easily get lost or damaged, or may be the cause of injury. The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss of such articles.

Smart watches are not allowed in school due to their value and being a potential distraction from learning, as well as due to the potential safeguarding risk that they pose.

During any physical education in school, including swimming, children must not wear any jewellery because of safety aspects. Children must therefore either be able to remove earrings themselves, or not wear stud earrings to school on P.E. days.

We request that parents / carers try and arrange for their children to have their ears pierced at the very beginning of the summer holiday so that by September studs can be removed for P.E. lessons. As all children's ears are different and the healing rate varies there might be the need to wear studs for slightly longer than the recommended time of six weeks. If this is the case, then the studs must be removed either by the child or parent before the P.E. lesson begins. P.E. and swimming are a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to take part in all sessions.

Make-up and Nails

The wearing of make-up, nail varnish or false nails is considered inappropriate for a learning culture and is not permitted. Children will be asked to remove this / these items.

10. Religions and Beliefs

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner. If our school has good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified.

The school will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating these needs, without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the local governing board will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

11. Engagement with parents/carers

The school will engage with parents and pupils when developing their uniform policy, for example through online forms, to ensure that it is suitable for their school community, recognising that the school community may change over time. Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner. Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

12. Discrimination

Even when a policy has been agreed, school staff will be able to allow for some individual variations to their uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination. For instance, reasonable adjustments will be made, as appropriate, for pupils with a disability. We aim to make our school



uniform as inclusive as possible so if parents have any requests or concerns then please contact the school.

13. Other things to think about

All personal property should be very clearly marked with the child's name to avoid them being lost. Lost property is located in the corridor outside of the main school office, which can be accessed throughout the school day.

Pupils in the incorrect uniform may be provided with items of clothing to change into in order to meet our school expectations.

During hot weather children should bring a bottle of water and a sun hat into school, every day. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before school.

14. Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure that they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with in keeping with the school's behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation, including providing uniform where appropriate.

15. Governors

The governing body will review this policy to ensure it is appropriate for the school context, is implemented fairly across the school and is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

16. Associated Policies

This policy links to:

Complaints Policy

Lytchett Matravers Primary School Behaviour Policy

Equality Information and Objectives