

Liverpool College

School Uniform Policy



Mission Statement

Liverpool College values the dignity of each individual and promotes the development of character and learning through a commitment to high standards within a caring community.

Core Values

We recognise that all pupils have different talents and strive to ensure that every pupil has an equal opportunity to find and develop the talents they do possess

We believe that the development of character, creativity, intellect and spirituality, are the primary aims of education.

We work together to create a happy and caring school community which is engaged in our local community and the wider world

We pursue high standards in every area of school life

This is a whole school policy and applies to the to the Primary and Secondary Phase, Boarding, Breakfast Club and after school activities.



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Signed Principal		Print name	Mrs A Haynes

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1. Aims

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.

2. 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, 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 of the same age.
- 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 the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Vice Principal (Primary) by emailing apease@liverpoolcollege.org.uk. The Vice Principal (Primary) can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

From September 2026:

- schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer
- Secondary and Middle schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 4 or fewer, if one is a tie.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers.
- Is simplistic.
- Is practical for multiplicity of activities within the LCA+ curriculum.

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example not including the logo on tracksuit pants/leggings.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties.
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimizing the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.
- Working closely with the Parent/Teacher Association to provide regular nearly new uniform sales and an onsite, nearly new uniform shop.

4. Expectations for our school community

4.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises.
- Travelling to and from school.
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required).

- Details of the correct uniform is outlined in Appendix A.

Pupils (with the exception of Sixth Form) are expected to adhere to the following appearance rules:

- Hair- Long hair must be tied back. Hair should be of a natural colour, conventionally styled with no shaven patterns. Facial hair should be well groomed.
- Jewellery – No Jewellery should be worn in Pre Prep. Although not encouraged, in all other Chapters, one bracelet and/or one necklace is allowed, but should not be seen. No facial piercing apart from ear lobes, where small earrings are allowed. Understated rings are not encouraged but acceptable.
- Make-up (Secondary phase only)- Make up must be discreet as interpreted by the staff. No fake nails allowed. Clear nail varnish can be worn. Staff may ask a pupil to remove makeup with immediate effect and may impose a sanction immediately for failure to follow make up rules.

Pupils are also expected to contact the Vice Principal (Primary), Mrs A Pease if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

4.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact/email the Vice principal (Primary), Mrs A Pease (apease@liverpoolcollege.org.org.uk), if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

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:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

4.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure 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 Principal if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by referring to the 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.

4.4 Governors

The governing body will review this policy and make sure that it:

- is appropriate for our school's context
- is implemented fairly across the school
- considers the views of parents and pupils
- offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

The governing body will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

5. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice Principal (Primary), Mrs A Pease, at every review, it will be approved by governing body.

6. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

PD07 -Behaviour policy

EO02 -Equality information and objectives statement

CP02 -Anti-bullying policy

GB07 -Complaints policy

Appendix A
Uniform List for September 2026-2027

It is a statutory requirement that from September 2026 all schools have limited number of compulsory branded items. In Primary, there will be a maximum of three compulsory branded items, and in Secondary four (provided one is a tie). The compulsory items which are branded are highlighted in blue below.

Primary Phase

Pre-Prep (Reception)

Required Items

Uniform Item	Provider
Red sweatshirt with College logo	College Shop
Black tracksuit pants (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	College Shop or another provider
White polo shirt (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	Another provider
Plain black coat (no logo, no fur trims, no other colours)	Another provider or College Shop
Trainers	Another provider
Plain red velcro book bag	Another provider or College Shop

Pre-Prep (Chapter 1-2) and Prep (Chapters 3-6)

Pupils will be required to wear either the **Formal Uniform** or the **Field Uniform** depending on their timetable for any one day. The Field Uniform (tracksuit) will be worn on the days the pupils are involved in physical activity and forest school. The Formal Uniform will be worn on all other days. Parents and pupils will be informed which day/s to wear which uniform.

For the Formal Uniform, pupils are able to wear **either** uniform L **or** uniform C but they cannot wear a mix of the two uniforms.

In the academic year 2026-2027, pupils in Chapter 2 can choose to continue to only wear the field uniform.

Required Items

Formal Uniform				
Uniform L		OR	Uniform C	
Uniform Item	Provider		Uniform Item	Provider
College badged blazer with red cord edging	College shop		College badged blazer with red cord edging	College Shop
Grey conventional long trousers	Another provider		Chapters 1 and 2 - College pinafore Chapters 3-6 - College red and black tartan kilt (worn below the knee) <i>(The pinafore can be worn in Chapter 3 if purchased in Pre Prep).</i>	College Shop
Plain white shirt (may be short sleeved in the summer)	Another provider		Plain white, open necked, reverse collar blouse (may be short sleeved in the summer)	Another provider or College Shop
College red and black striped tie	College Shop		Black knee length socks (must be worn at knee length) or black tights	Another provider
Plain charcoal grey or black socks	Another provider		Plain black, smooth soled, low heel shoes of a conventional style and type. No soft top trainer type shoes	Another provider
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Field Uniform				
Aptus quarter zip tracksuit top	College Shop		Aptus quarter zip tracksuit top	College Shop
Black tracksuit pants (no logos, no other colours)	College Shop or another provider		Black tracksuit pants (no logos, no other colours)	College Shop or another provider

White polo shirt (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	Another provider		White polo shirt (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	Another provider
Trainers	Another provider		Trainers	Another provider
PE and Games requirements (in addition to the Field Uniform)				
Black shorts (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	College Shop or another provider		Black skort or black shorts (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	College Shop or another provider
Swimming trunks (red or black)	Another provider		Swimming costume (red or black)	Another provider
Mouth guard, shin guards (<i>Chapter 3 upwards</i>)	Another provider		Mouth guard, shin guards (<i>Chapter 3 upwards</i>)	Another provider

Items to be worn/used with both the Formal and Field Uniform (Uniform L and Uniform C)	
Plain black coat (no logo, no fur trims, no other colours) or black College coat	Another provider or College Shop
Plain red velcro book bag	Another provider

Recommended Optional Items (not mandatory)

Uniform L			Uniform C	
College red v-neck jumper	College Shop		College red cardigan	College Shop
Grey shorts (Summer term)	Another provider		College summer dress (Summer term) - worn with plain white ankle socks-black sandals (optional)	College Shop
Sunhat – red or black	Another provider		Sunhat – red or black	Another provider
Reversible College football/rugby jersey	College shop			

Secondary Phase

Senior School (Chapters 7-11)

It is a statutory requirement that from September 2026 all schools have limited number of compulsory branded items. In Primary, there will be a maximum of three compulsory branded items, and in Secondary four (provided one is a tie). The compulsory items which are branded are highlighted in blue below.

Pupils will be required to wear either the **Formal Uniform** or the **Field Uniform** depending on their timetable for any one day. The Field Uniform (tracksuit) will be worn on the days the pupils are involved in physical activity. The Formal Uniform will be worn on all other days. Parents and pupils will be informed which day/s to wear which uniform.

For the Formal Uniform, pupils are able to wear **either** uniform L **or** uniform C but they cannot wear a mix of the two uniforms.

Required Items

Formal Uniform				
Uniform L		OR	Uniform C	
Uniform Item	Provider		Uniform Item	Provider
College badged blazer with red cord edging	College shop		College badged blazer with red cord edging	College Shop
Grey conventional long trousers	Another provider		College red and black tartan kilt (<i>worn below the knee</i>)	College Shop
Plain white shirt (<i>may be short sleeved in the summer</i>)	Another provider		Plain white, open necked, revere collar blouse (<i>may be short sleeved in the summer</i>)	Another provider or College Shop
House tie	College Shop		Black knee length socks (must be worn at knee length) or black tights	Another provider

Plain black, smooth soled, low heel shoes of a conventional style and type. No soft top trainer type shoes	Another provider		Plain black, smooth soled, low heel shoes of a conventional style and type. No soft top trainer type shoes	Another provider
Plain charcoal grey or black socks	Another provider			
Field Uniform				
Aptus quarter zip tracksuit top	College Shop		Aptus quarter zip tracksuit top	College Shop
Black tracksuit pants (no logos, no other colours)	College Shop or another provider		Black tracksuit pants or black sports leggings (no logos, no other colours, leggings must be opaque)	College Shop or another provider
Reversible College football/rugby jersey	College Shop		White polo shirt (no logos, no other colours)	Another provider
Trainers	Another provider		Trainers	Another provider
PE and Games requirements (in addition to the Field Uniform) *				
Black rugby/games shorts	College Shop or another provider		Games socks – black or College games socks	College Shop or another provider
Games socks – black or College games socks	College Shop or another provider		Mouth guard and shin guards	College Shop or another provider
Mouth guard and shin guards	Another provider			
* If selected for Sports Teams, the coach will advise on team kit requirements.				

Items to be worn/used with both the Formal and Field Uniform (Uniform L and Uniform C)	
Plain black coat (no logo, no fur trims, no other colours) or black College coat	Another provider or College Shop
Plain black bag	Another provider

Recommended Optional Items (not mandatory)

Uniform L			Uniform C	
College black v-neck pullover with College motif (<i>to be worn under, not instead of, the blazer/tracksuit top</i>)	College Shop		College black v-neck pullover with College motif (<i>to be worn under, not instead of, the blazer/tracksuit top</i>)	College shop
Black polo shirt (<i>no logos, no other colours</i>)	Another provider		College short sleeved games shirt	College Shop
Football boots with RFU approved studs	Another provider		Black skort	College Shop or another provider

Sixth Form (Chapter 12 and 13)

Required Items

Formal Uniform				
Uniform L		OR	Uniform C	
Uniform Item	Provider		Uniform Item	Provider
Suit - jacket and smart trousers of matching colour: black, grey or navy. <i>These can be plain/checked/pinstripe</i>	Another provider		Suit - jacket and smart skirt / trousers of matching colour: black, grey or navy. <i>These can be plain/checked/pinstripe</i>	Another provider
Shirt – black, white, blue or grey with collar (fastened at neck) <i>These can be plain or striped.</i>	Another provider		Shirt/blouse – black, white, blue or grey <i>These can be plain or striped. Blouses must have some sleeve</i>	Another provider
Shoes – formal and smart with flat low heels or smart low boots. Black, brown, navy or grey	Another provider		Shoes - formal and smart with flat low heels or smart low boots. Black, brown, navy or grey	Another provider
Sixth Form Tie <i>(Representative honours tie may be worn instead)</i>	College Shop			

PE and Games requirements*				
Appropriate attire, suitable for gym use	Another provider		Appropriate attire, suitable for gym use	Another provider
* If selected for Sports Teams, the coach will advise on team kit requirements.				

Optional Items (not mandatory)

Item (Uniform L and C)	Provider
Plain or striped jumper or cardigan (v neck or round neck) - black, navy, grey, white or cream. <i>Not to be worn instead of jacket.</i>	Another provider
Accessories - scarves may be worn	Another provider