

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Children wear school uniform to foster a pride in their appearance, and their school, and to identify them when out on school journeys.

“School uniforms are important in establishing the right ethos in a school. They also help to improve a sense of belonging and identity.”

Nick Gibb, School Standards Minister, 29th April 2021

Lowbrook Academy uniform consists of:

Blazer (KS2)

Lowbrook Cardigans or Lowbrook jumpers

Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores (length should be no more than 2” above the knee)

White Polo shirts (KS1)

White shirt with tie (KS2) or

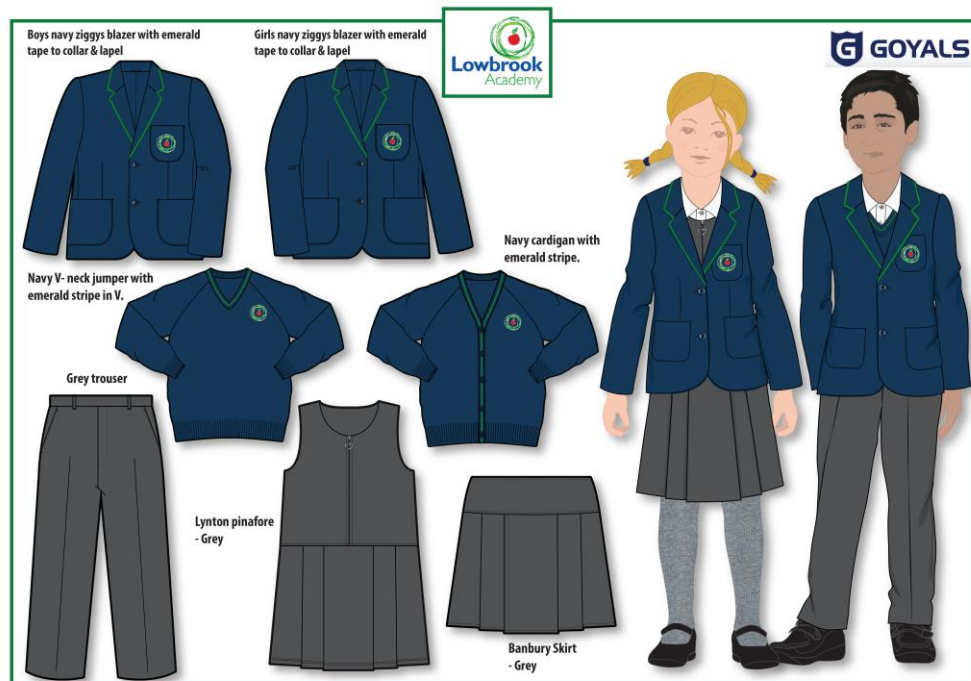
School blouses without a tie optional for girls (KS2)

Pale blue and white gingham summer dresses

Sensible black or navy shoes. (No high heels)

Grey socks or tights - winter

White socks for girls in the summer if wearing gingham



PE Kit

Navy blue t-shirt with logo

Navy blue with green strip shorts with logo

Lowbrook hoody or Lowbrook school jumper

Plain navy blue joggers

Trainers



Aims and Objectives

- Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Ensures all children have a sense of belonging and social disadvantage minimalised
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents a good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind



Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, heels or open toes. Trainers are only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear; they are not suitable for daily wear as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school uniform.

Hair

Whilst we take into consideration culture and religion, the School Uniform policy specifically requires that hair should not be at the extremes of fashion.

“Extreme” – not too short, nor too long, a “number 2” is the minimum acceptable in terms of shortness and should be blended in with hair of other lengths. No Mohicans or rattails are acceptable.

“Artwork” on the scalp or eyebrows is regarded as a fashion extreme and is therefore not permitted.

Hair should be one tone and be close to the individual student’s natural hair tone. Primary colours are not acceptable.

Hairbands, hairclips, and head scarves should be strictly functional and navy blue, light blue, black or white.

For Health and Safety reasons hair over the collar and that is at a level which could cause an accident/injury to a child should be tied back at all times especially for PE and cookery.

Piercings

The children are allowed one piercing in each earlobe. Earrings are to be small studs only. The school reserves the right to ask children to take out or tape over studs for activities it considers as risky e.g. PE and Outdoor Activities such as caving. Please do not have your child’s ears pierced within 8 weeks of swimming in year 3 or within 8 weeks of the school’s Residential Trip. Failure to comply with this may result in your child missing some or all of these activities. As a policy, staff do not bathe or look after children’s earrings.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents that send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of the Governors

It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.



The governors will consider, with the Principal, any request from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

This policy, which has been endorsed by the governing body, will be reviewed bi-annually.

Education (Guidance about costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

This Bill recognized the costs parents face for school uniform. The school is committed to ensuring no family is deterred from applying to the school due to costs for its uniform.

Whilst we await guidance to be published in the Autumn Term, we remain committed to:

Seeking best value

Allowing parents/carers to purchase uniform from the high street and

Supporting parents with sourcing second-hand uniform and providing uniform for parents who require financial assistance. If this affects you, please contact the school directly on lowbrook@lowbrookacademy.co.uk

Signed:

Chair of Governors

Signed:

Principal