



Ludlow Church of England School

School Uniform Policy

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Our Uniform Code

We believe uniform helps foster a strong community feeling, reducing unwanted differences and helps promote a positive self-image.

Be Smart

- Wear your uniform smartly; take pride in your appearance
- Your effort counts towards improving the whole school ethos of 'Excellence Together'
- These rules apply to and from school, as well as in it
- Outsiders judge us on how smart we look

Uniform:

- White shirt and school tie, traditional or clip on (from Clubsport only)
- Plain **black** Ludlow School, logo skirt (from Clubsport only) OR **black** school-style trousers, no jeans of skinny fit
- School logo navy blue jumper is the only item of clothing allowed over the shirt. These are only available from Clubsport and cost either £14.00 or £19.00, depending on the size
- Black socks (plain), or black tights
- Black shoes (school pattern low-heel, no more than 4 cm above sole); not black trainers, boots or pumps
- A waterproof jacket (A school-logo jacket is available from Clubsport, but this is not mandatory)
- No 'hoodies', tracksuit tops, cardigans, denim or leather jackets
- No fancy belts on trousers; no obvious make-up, no long or acrylic nails
- A watch, one ring and one pair of ear studs are the only form of jewellery allowed

Physical Education Kit:

Boys:

- Navy and white polo jersey (with logo, from Clubsport only)
- Plain navy shorts
- Navy/white football socks
- White socks
- Trainers
- Football boots
- Training top (optional)

Girls:

- Navy blue and white polo jersey (with logo, from Clubsport only)
- Plain navy skort (with logo from Clubsport only), navy shorts, or black sports leggings
- Navy/white hockey/football socks
- Navy/white/pink hockey socks (optional)
- White socks
- Trainers
- Training top (optional)

Specific Kit:

It is compulsory that all students MUST wear shin pads for hockey and football lessons and matches. Gum shields are strongly recommended for hockey and rugby.

In Year 7 and 8, students will swim for a term in each year, and boys will require swimming trunks/shorts and girls swimming costumes.

Additional Optional kit:

This kit is not compulsory. Students are encouraged to bring warm kit if they wish:

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms; a small logo is acceptable and white stripes, but no coloured stripes
 - Plain navy sweatshirt
 - Plain navy hat
 - Plain navy gloves
 - In the summer, students are strongly recommended to wear a plain white or navy cap

SCHOOL UNIFORM: SMALL PRINT

We have kept our school-branded items to the minimum, to help make our uniform more affordable. The school tie, school jumper and skirt have the school logo, and so, too, do parts of the PE kit. Savings can be made by opting for black trousers rather than a skirt; we would also suggest that you shop around for best value shirts, socks, trousers, coats and elements of the PE kit. Please contact your child's Curriculum Learning Tutor should you require financial support with purchasing some items of uniform.

Shoes mean plain footwear, with distinct heels and soles, made from leather or similar man-made substitute, designed for pavement and office environments (as contrasted to gym, track, deck, field, mountain or beach!). Trainers, training "shoes", footwear made primarily from fabrics, footwear with track-shoe style soles, boots, deck shoes, and sandals are NOT acceptable in school at any time. Trainers may be worn only on the school fields or playgrounds for ad-hoc games at lunchtime. We do this primarily for the health and fitness of feet. Shoes support and protect feet, and should encourage a proper walking posture. They can be worn all day without overheating problems. Trainers are never acceptable unless a written medical note exempts the student.

We do not expect students to walk to school in trainers then change in class; uniform should begin at home, and end at the return of your child to home. This particular request is an important way for your child to meet the standards we are trying to establish in school, and we would look to your support in helping to ensure this aspect of our code.

Trousers should be simple in design, with internal pockets (not "combat" style), with more or less parallel trouser legs. Excessive flares or baggies wider than the shoe is long, excessively tight-fitting or skinny fit legs, trousers with zips or studs along the leg, trousers deliberately worn too long so that they get frayed at the edges, jean-style material or a low hipster-style are not uniform. If in doubt, check with us before buying. Trouser material should not be cord or denim or lycra. The school style trouser can be purchased from Clubsport; it is supplied by Trutex and meets our school specification. However, similar trousers can be purchased from many retailers, and may be more affordable. A plain black belt may be worn to secure trousers. No other type of belt is to be worn with school trousers.

Outdoor Wear - We do not permit the wearing of non-school jumpers or sweatshirts, black cardigans, denim or camouflage coats, or coats with logos or lettering, or "**hoodies**". To keep warm indoors in school, the **ONLY** acceptable option is a school jumper. **No other clothing option is permitted.** We rely on **your** support in this.

If students are not in uniform, they will be asked to put it right on the spot. We may confiscate unacceptable items, which will be returned via Curriculum Learning Tutors at the end of the day. We can loan items of clothing in the short term to help avoid a problem. If this is not possible, then it should be fixed by the following day, or a written explanation provided by a parent to tutors. Repeated uniform breaches will lead to serious sanctions, as we would consider them to be deliberate breaches of the school Code of Conduct.

Jewellery should not be worn to school, but if absolutely necessary, we accept one finger ring, and a stud per ear. **No other facial or body jewellery is permitted**; students will be instructed to remove such items. If this is not possible, the student will be isolated until the item can be removed, or they must cover the piercing with a plaster. This includes tongue and nose studs, visible necklaces, and bracelets. Hair styles sometimes present us with a challenge, and we do not accept patterned crew cuts, shaven heads (unless medical reasons require it), unnatural hair colourings or extreme styles clearly not typical of a moderate, school appearance. A “number 2” all-over clip is acceptable. Heavy **make-up is not permitted**.

Items of clothing or jewellery that form part of established ethnic or religious cultural identity are, of course, allowed.

Whatever your children may claim, everybody else is not doing it! **Please check with us before permitting your child to spend a lot of money on a fashionable development that may then conflict with our Uniform Code.** The whole point about the Code is that it is UNIFORM, the same for everyone. The Headteacher’s judgement in all cases will be final, and he/she expects students and parents to do their best to comply with the spirit of the Uniform Code.

Second-hand Uniform

There is a School Uniform Exchange scheme run in the town, to provide second-hand uniform to families in the community. Unwanted or out-grown items of clothing can be taken to the Ludlow Furniture Scheme warehouse, on Thursdays and Fridays, between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Please contact 07754 754086, for information on how to receive free school uniform.

Amendments	Date
Changes in response to DfE guidance November 2021, making uniform more affordable for all families	January 22