



# **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.

### Purpose

The school uniform at Ludlow CE School aims to:

- Promote a sense of belonging and pride
- Support a positive learning environment
- Reduce peer pressure and inequality
- Ensure students are smart, safe, and identifiable

### Expectations – Be Proud

All students must:

- Wear the full, correct uniform at all times
- Arrive at school and remain in uniform throughout the day
- Keep uniform clean, tidy, and in good condition
- Wear uniform correctly (e.g. shirts tucked in, ties properly fastened)

### Uniform - Compulsory Items

- Plain white shirt (buttoned to the top)
- School tie (correct House colour – From School or Clubsport)
- Plain **black** Ludlow School, logo skirt (from Clubsport only) OR **black** school-style trousers, no jeans, skinny fit or excessive flares
- School logo navy blue jumper is the only item of clothing allowed over the shirt. These are only available from Clubsport
- Black socks or plain black tights
- Black, polishable school shoes (no trainers, boots, pumps or colourful logos)

### Physical Education Kit:

Boys:

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

Girls:

- Navy blue and white polo jersey (with logo, from Clubsport only)
- Navy shorts, or plain black sports leggings
- Navy/white/pink hockey/Football socks
- White sport socks
- Sports Trainers
- Training top (optional, form Clubsport)

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.

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
  - Plain navy sweatshirt
  - Plain navy hat
  - Plain navy gloves
  - Plain navy/back under layers
  - In the summer, students are strongly recommended to wear a plain 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 Head of House should you require financial support with purchasing some items of uniform.

Shoes mean plain footwear, 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 for PE lessons. 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 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 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 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 which is a compulsory item. **No other clothing option is permitted.** We rely on **your** support in this.

Jewellery should not be worn to school, but, if necessary, we accept one finger ring, and one 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.

Hairstyles sometimes present us with a challenge, and we do not accept patterned crew cuts, shaven heads (unless medical reasons require it), unnatural hair colourings (red, green, blue etc.) 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.** Further to this, for health and safety students are not permitted to wear acrylic nails.

Items of clothing or jewelry 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.

### **Non-compliance with Ludlow CE School uniform policy, and school rules**

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 the Head of House at the end of the day. We will, where possible, loan items of clothing in the short term to help avoid a problem. The Head teacher or a person authorised by the Head teacher may ask a student to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be for no longer than is necessary to remedy the breach. This is not an exclusion, but an authorised absence. However, if the student continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the student's absence may be counted as unauthorised absence. In **all** such cases parents/carers will be notified and the absence will be recorded. When making this decision, the child's age, vulnerability, how easily and quickly the breach can be remedied, and the availability of the parent/carer, will need to be considered. If the student then repeatedly infringes the school's rules on uniform or appearance, this may constitute a disciplinary offence in line with the school's policy.

### **Second-Hand Uniform Provision**

In line with Department for Education guidance on making school uniforms affordable for families, Ludlow CE School actively promotes the use of good-quality second-hand uniform items. We recognise that accessing pre-loved uniform can help reduce costs for families while supporting environmental sustainability.

Ludlow CE School operates an internal School Uniform Shop where a range of second-hand uniform items are available, subject to availability. Families are invited to make a donation for items taken. Information about opening times and available stock can be obtained from the school office.

We are grateful for donations of clean, good-condition uniform items from members of our school community. Donated items help us to support families and ensure that all students have access to the correct school uniform. Parents and carers wishing to donate uniform should contact the school office for details of how and where to drop off items.

The school will publicise the availability of second-hand uniform to parents and carers through its website, newsletters and other school communications, in accordance with statutory guidance on school uniform costs.

This provision forms part of our commitment to ensuring that the cost of uniform does not become a barrier to any child accessing education at Ludlow CE School.

| Amendments                                                                                                                                                      | Date         |
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| Cost of School Uniforms - Statutory guidance on developing a school uniform policy and managing uniform suppliers to ensure the cost of uniforms is reasonable. | October 2025 |