



Lytchett Minster School

Uniform Policy

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<i>Responsible person</i>	<i>Assistant Head (Pastoral)</i>
<i>Responsible Governor Committee</i>	<i>Pastoral</i>

Lytchett Minster School is a workplace. Consequently the dress code must reflect a traditional school working environment rather than recreation and leisure. Students are expected to present themselves correctly and tidily at all times, both in school and on the way to and from school or when involved in offsite trips or visits. This not only helps to maintain the high standards of the school, it is also a good training for later life and with some aspects of the code is, of course, vital for workshop and laboratory health and safety. In cases of extreme weather conditions (hot or cold) the Headteacher has the discretion to alter the uniform requirements accordingly.

- The uniform is a non-negotiable requirement of all students in Years 7 – 11.
- There are separate clear guidelines on dress code for students in the Sixth Form available on application to the school.
- Hardship Fund:
 - The school will consider written applications, with supporting evidence, for financial support towards the costs to buy uniform on an individual basis. The school will normally only be able to provide a contribution of 50% towards these costs, however in deserving cases this can be increased. Applications should be made in confidence to Mr K Hasler, School Business Manager. Some second hand stock is available through the PTA.

The school seeks to provide an outstanding environment and framework in which students can learn and thrive. Therefore, we seek the active partnership of parents and carers in insisting on high standards of dress. However, if students do not comply with our expectations, this becomes a serious discipline issue. Students who are not dressed in a manner the school considers appropriate may be withdrawn from lessons and placed in isolation until all uniform requirements are met. In extreme cases this may mean that a student is excluded from school for a fixed period of time for the persistent and defiant flouting school rules. This is a situation we would wish to avoid and hence request the support of parents and carers. We will not hesitate to act to preserve the high standards of the school. The Governors of the school have delegated full responsibility to the Headteacher on these issues.

The following statements add clarification to the school uniform list.

Coats and Bags

- All school bags and coats must be put in lockers at the beginning of the day and not removed again until the end of the day.
- Students do not carry bags around the school, with the exception of students going to or returning from PE/ Dance.
- Coats, hats and scarves should not be worn inside the school buildings at any time.
- Students can wear their coats, hats or scarves outside at Break and Lunchtime, but only when it is raining or in exceptionally cold weather as declared by the Deputy Head.
- Outdoor coats should be of a proper, plain traditional coat or jacket style (with no logo, design or graffiti) and preferably lightweight and waterproof.
- Denim or 'leather' jackets, 'hoodies' or other sweatshirts are not acceptable as school uniform even as outdoor clothing.
- **It is permissible to remove your tie at lunchtime when playing sport in the recreational areas of the field, cages and 3G pitch.**

Shirts and Ties

- Students must wear blue and white striped shirts as supplied by Sportswear International as the only acceptable shirts.
- Shirts must have a top button which must be done up and shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- All ties must be clip-on ties and worn correctly at the collar.
- If a student wishes to wear an additional item of clothing underneath their shirt for warmth, this must **not** be visible.

Blazers

- These must be worn at all times except during the lunch-break when they can be removed if desired.
- If a student wishes to take his/her blazer off during a lesson then he/she should ask the teacher.
- Blazer sleeves should not be rolled up.
- Only badges issued by the school should be worn.

Earrings and other piercings

- For safety reasons any earring which is not of a **small** stud type or flush fitting with the ear should **not** be worn to school.
- If students want to wear ear studs there must be no more than one in each ear.
- Other body piercing studs, rings etc, including on the face and in the mouth, must not be worn to school under any circumstances.
- Piercings that require a ring, retainer (even colourless retainers) or object to remain in place whilst the site heals are not acceptable during school sessions.
- “Stretcher” piercings are forbidden in school.

Jewellery

- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and removed for any PE or sporting activities.
- If students wear a necklace it should not be visible but worn under their shirt/blouse.
- Bracelets must not be worn to school and no more than one small ring per hand should be worn. Any other jewellery is considered unacceptable for the school environment.
- **If excessive or inappropriate jewellery is worn it will be confiscated and put in a safe place until parents collect it from Main Reception.**

Shoes

- All students in the main school must wear shoes that are completely black, including on their way between home and school.
- Shoes should be of a “sensible” style suitable for the wide variety of activities student tackle each day. Shoes should be weather-proof, flat soled, leather or leather-like (i.e. polishable) and cover the whole foot.
- Platform soles higher than 3cm, heels higher than 5cm, mules, flip-flops, slingbacks, trainers or boots of any kind, and sandals, for example are **inappropriate for school wear** and must not be worn.
- When wearing a skirt socks should be plain grey, black or white.

Trousers and Skirts

- The only acceptable trousers to be worn to school are those provided by ‘Sportswear International’ via the school website, ‘Joys’ of Wareham or Marks and Spencer trousers. No other trousers will be permitted.
- The only acceptable skirts are those specifically provided by ‘Joys’ of Wareham. No other skirts will be permitted.
- Decorative effects such as large buckles, wide belts or slits etc. must not be worn to school.
- **Skirts should be knee length.** Skirts worn in a very short manner (e.g. more than 15cm above the knee) or any school uniform worn in an inappropriate way is unacceptable for school. Tights, if worn, should be plain grey or black.

Make-up and Nail Varnish

- Make-up must be kept to a minimum and should be subtle and not noticeable.
- Coloured or obvious nail varnish must not be worn to school. Students will be instructed to remove it if it is worn.
- Acrylic or long nails are not appropriate for school at any time.

Hair and Headwear

- Non-naturally occurring hair colours are unacceptable for school.
- Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable, e.g. Mohicans, tramlines, highly gelled etc. The definition of what is 'extreme' will be the judgement of the Headteacher.
- Headwear of any kind should not be worn unless:
 - it is of a religious nature and has been previously agreed with the Headteacher.
 - or it is a designated 'wet day' and it is only worn outside the school buildings.

Student identification badge

- Students will be issued with an identification badge. They must have this on their person at all times. If they wish, they may wear it with the lanyard provided.
- These badges will not only act as their means of identification and payment in the café, but will also be used for accessing the printing and photocopying system in school and for registration in PE.
- Badges will bear the student's name and house; there are no other identifying characteristics printed on them.
- Should a student lose their badge, they should inform the IT Department immediately, and a replacement will be issued at a cost of £2 to cover the cost of production, which includes the card, holder and lanyard.

Uniform should be clearly labelled with the students name and maintained in a proper way at all times.

DETAILS OF OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM (Years 7 – 11 for the Academic year 2020-21)

Lytchett Minster School is a workplace for both students and staff. Consequently the dress code should reflect the working environment rather than be for recreation and leisure.

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
SHIRT/BLOUSE/TIE	Blue and white striped shirt with Clip-on House tie	Blue and white striped blouse with Clip-on House tie
TROUSERS/SKIRT	Plain grey tailored trousers.	Plain grey tailored skirt. OR Plain grey tailored trousers.
BLAZER	Navy blue tailored blazer with school 'tree' logo on the breast pocket	

With the exception of the girls' skirt (only available from 'Joys' of Wareham) and trousers (also available at 'Joys' of Wareham and Marks and Spencer) all of the above items are only available from 'Sportswear International'. Please read these requirements carefully before making any purchases.

SOCKS/TIGHTS	Plain, dark grey or black	Plain, dark grey or black
SHOES	Plain, completely black and weatherproof, made of polishable leather or leather-like material	

PE KIT**Compulsory:**

Football boots (*for boys*)
Football boots (*for girls*)

Trainers (*Both boys & girls*)
Gum shields (*Both boys & girls*)
Polo shirt (*Both boys & girls*)
PE shorts (*Both boys & girls*)
Long socks (*Both boys & girls*)
Shin pads (*Both boys & girls*)

Optional:

Track suit bottoms (*Both boys & girls*)
SKORTS (*Girls*) or Navy blue/silver
leggings (*Girls*)
Rugby Shirt (*boys*)
Training top (*Both boys & girls*)

*Students will only be allowed to use the 3G pitch if they are wearing boots with **moulded studs**. Trainers will not be allowed*

HOUSE COLOURS:

Agglestone	Amber
Gault	Yellow
Kimmeridge	Purple
Portland	Red
Purbeck	Blue
Wealden	Green

All articles of clothing **should** be clearly and indelibly marked with the owner's name.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY PRACTICAL LESSONS

Aprons will be provided for all practical lessons.

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As students are in a working environment they are expected to dress in an **appropriate 'business-like' fashion** ensuring that a good example is set to students in the main school:

- Boys must wear smart trousers with a shirt and tie. (No blue or ripped jeans) The shirt should be tucked into the trousers.
- Girls must wear either smart trousers or a smart skirt or dress of respectable length. (No blue or ripped jeans. No leggings)
- Revealing clothing is NOT acceptable for Sixth Form students.
- Sweatshirts with logos, hoodies, or denim jackets are not acceptable.
- Sensible shoes must be worn. Trainers and flip-flops are NOT acceptable.
- Jewellery must be kept to a discreet minimum, i.e. one pair of small earrings is acceptable. Nose studs, eyebrow rings, flesh holes and tongue piercings are NOT acceptable.
- Hair must be of a natural colour.
- Hats must not to be worn in school.

If a student fails to adhere to the expected *Dress Code* then they may be sent home to change into clothes which adhere to the Dress Code. A Stage 3 Contract will be set up for any student for repeated non-compliance of the Dress Code.