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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to update you on some tweaks to the School Uniform Policy from September 2023. We communicated with parents / carers last year regarding the proposed change to trousers only and removing skirts from the uniform policy. Following the feedback, we chose to continue with skirts with an understanding that parents / carers supported us in ensuring that skirts were a suitable length.

We have monitored this decision over the interim period and have concluded that a significant number of pupils continue to breach this policy. Therefore, at this half terms governing body meeting, governors approved a new uniform policy in which skirts **will be removed from our uniform and all pupils will wear trousers when they begin the new school year in September 2023.**

As part of the consideration to align with the other secondary school (Hurworth) in our Trust, governors have also approved the return of white shirts and ties for a winter uniform. This will mean we have a winter and summer uniform, with the summer uniform being our current polo shirts. Consideration has been given to the cost of additional items and therefore blazers are not compulsory. However, as part of the winter uniform we do expect pupils to wear the V-neck school jumper and / or blazer with the school logo, along with the white shirt and tie. Please note, ties are on order with Elizabeth Embroidery, and we'll confirm when they're available to purchase.

Uniform for September 2023

The Longfield Academy uniform from September 2023 will consist of: -

- Summer – Polo Shirt* with school logo
- Winter – White shirt (plain) with school tie*
- V-necked Jumper* and / or School Blazer* – with school logo
- Plain black trousers - standard fit and not made from leather, corduroy or denim. Leggings, jeggings, black jeans and ¾ trousers are not permitted. **Trousers must have a button and zip fastening (not decorative).**

All students should be in trousers as skirts have been removed from the permitted uniform.

- **Black shoes** - shoes should give adequate cover of the foot for health and safety reasons. Trainers and plimsolls shoes are not acceptable. Shoes should be polishable and made of a substance that protects the foot from water.



- **Black Boots** – as per appendix examples only. Boots should be flat, polishable and made of a substance that protects the foot from water.

Footwear must be plain black and not have visible stripes, badges or logos of any kind. If footwear is not deemed suitable by the academy, we will loan an alternative where possible. All pupils will be expected to wear the alternative offered.

Coats - should be an appropriate outdoor coat - no sweatshirts, hooded tops, cardigans, tracksuit tops or coats made of denim. We have systems in place to confiscate and look after any items that do not follow our policy. We will not be held responsible for any item that is lost due to confiscation.

Jewellery – no earrings, or other jewellery. Watches are permitted (except for exams). This excludes Smart Watches, which are not allowed at any time. A pupil may be asked to remove any item of jewellery. We have systems in place to confiscate and look after any items that do not follow our policy. However, we will not be held responsible for any item that is lost due to confiscation.

We advise for piercings to take place at the start of the 6 weeks' holiday to allow healing to take place. We will not accept new piercings as a reason to fail to respond to a request to remove any piercing. - it is not acceptable to cover them with plasters or use retainers.

Nails - For health and safety reasons, false or coloured nails are not permitted. Removal will be expected as soon as possible. Nails should always be of a practical length as determined by the academy.

Makeup - If make up is desired, it must be natural. Excessive make up is not acceptable. Fake eyelashes / lash extensions are not permitted.

Extreme hair dyes / multi coloured hair is not acceptable for any pupil – hair must be a natural colour. Hairstyles / eyebrows must not have any lines, patterns or symbols showing. Examples of unacceptable hairstyles are dip dying, razor fading or high siding. A number zero is not permitted at any time.

A **school bag** large enough to carry an A4 file must be carried every day.

PE kit

- Longfield Logo - Black / Emerald PE Polo Shirt *
- Longfield Logo - Zip Up Jacket or Longfield Long-Sleeved Top (outdoor use only) *
- Plain Black Shorts / Skort or alternatively, Leggings / Tracksuit Bottoms
- Longfield Black / Green Football Socks or Plain Black Football Socks
- Black Swim Shorts / Costume
- Swimming Goggles
- Swim Hat (for long hair)
- Shin Pads (compulsory)
- Mouth Guard (compulsory)
- Training Shoes (non-marking, for indoor activities)
- Football Boots / Trainers (for outdoor activities)

All clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be misplaced. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

* School specific / branded items of uniform can only be purchased via Elizabeth's Embroidery. The only visible logos should be that of Longfield Academy.

Parent / Carer Responsibility

Our expectation is that all pupils arrive in appropriate uniform. If this is not the case a message will be sent home to parent / carers and pupils may be provided with appropriate uniform to borrow whilst in school.

We will always consider any reasonable adjustments to our policy based on diagnosed needs. If the changes will impact on a diagnosed condition, please contact us by emailing enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk and we will discuss your child's needs on an individual basis.

Uniform Supplier

Elizabeth's Embroidery have a school shop in Wellington square, Stockton with four family friendly changing rooms. Uniform experts are available to answer any questions you may have regarding uniform and to advise on sizes. Opening times are:

- Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Sunday closed
- For the 6 Weeks Summer Holidays we also open on a Sunday from 10:00am – 4:00pm

Elizabeth's Embroidery also operate a quiet hour on Saturday between 3:00pm and 4:00pm if this would help you or your family with any additional needs, an appointment can be made for this time when available. During Summer (July – August) quiet appointments are available from 8:30am – 9:00am each morning.

Please visit their website for further details: <https://elizabethsschoolwear.com/collections/longfield>

Uniform Donations

We are also asking parents / carers to donate uniform that pupils no longer require or grow out so spare items can be kept in our school uniform store. Stock is made up from good quality returned uniform and unclaimed lost property. If you require support with free uniform items, please ask school reception for more details.

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation to this new policy. If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please contact Mrs Rutter by emailing prutter@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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