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The information in the table below provides details of the earlier versions of this document and brief details of reviews and, where appropriate, amendments which have been made to later versions. Please note, the most recent changes are highlighted in yellow.

Version Number	Version Description	Date of Revision
1	Original	October 2010
2	Amendments made – minor word changes	October 2012
3	Minor word changes re nail varnish	October 2014
4	Minor word changes	October 2016
5	No changes	October 2018
6	Minor word changes	July 2019
7	Minor word changes/COVID addendum	July 2020
8	Minor word changes re PE Hoodies	July 2022
9	Minor word changes re Removal of Covid exemptions, change to consequences and change to FOLS uniform sale. Changes to grammar were also made.	July 2023
10	Minor word changes re Change to PE Top, Hairstyles, wording and additional minor points.	May 2024

Our school vision and the policies in our school

Lanercost Church of England Primary School is a caring, unique and aspirational rural community which aims for every child to live life in all its fullness. Our small Christian school is driven towards a life-long love of learning, equipping every child in becoming forward thinking, compassionate young adults who are prepared for the ever-changing world around them. As a school family rooted in Koinonia¹, we enable every child to reach their divine potential, celebrate their individuality, and grow in wisdom and knowledge. Throughout each child's journey we ensure that all in our diverse community are treated with dignity and respect.

Our vision underpins everything we do in school, including our policies. In our opinion, policies are not stand-alone documents but a vehicle for ensuring that all our children are safeguarded, happy, and have the best education we can provide. Once ratified, these policies are upheld by all members of our community.

Understanding 'Live Life in all its fullness'

A desire that underpins our vision and part of our everyday life at Lanercost C of E, is for every member of our school family to live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). When writing or adopting policies, our whole community considers whether this is at the forefront of the policy.

We believe that ensuring 'life in all its fullness' means 'educating the whole person', and this is taken from the 1988 Education Reform Act (in a programmatic statement that remains in force and is deservedly influential). It sees the child's physical and intellectual development united with spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. This is something we hope to whole-heartedly reflect on and consider when undertaking policy within our small, rural school.

¹ Koinonia is the Christian fellowship or body of believers (Merriam-Webster.com)

Principles

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniforms in this policy, on our school website and in the welcome pack for new starters.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniforms is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- prevents bullying
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind
- prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools that Lanercost Church of England children will attend in future years.

Parents seeking an exemption to the **School Uniform Policy** due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the **Headteacher or** Chair of Governors.

Navy blue sweatshirts/sweat cardigans/zip-up fleeces/jackets, blue polo shirts and PE kits - embroidered with the school name and logo can be ordered online from Price and Buckland. We strive hard to provide the best value for money.

The Governing Body recognises the cost of living and with the exception of the school jumper, which must be bought from Price and Buckland with the school's logo on, all other uniform can be purchased from other retailers. However, should families choose, these are all available from Price and Buckland.

All uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name. This prevents uniform from becoming lost.

Uniform

- **Royal Blue** polo shirt with **or without** school logo
- Black **or** grey tights or black/grey/white socks
- Sweatshirt/Cardigan **with school logo**
- Fleece/Coat **with school logo** - optional
- School grey tunic or skirt, school black or grey shorts/culottes or school black/grey trousers.
- Sensible and safe **black shoes. These must not be trainers.** Please ensure children only wear footwear with laces if they can tie them independently.

Please note that socks or tights must **always** be worn.

Optional Summer Uniform

- Blue and white check-striped dress or skirt
- Sensible sandals (black/navy/blue/white and closed-toed) – no Crocs/mules.
- Black/grey/white socks must always be worn.

School Bags

Large rucksack-type bags are not permitted in school as they are unnecessary and cause a Health and Safety hazard in the cloakroom areas. In Early Years and Key Stage 1 please use the blue book bags which can be bought from the uniform shop, Price and Buckland. In Key Stage 2 a standard sized backpack is permitted as the children have more to bring to school.

Games and P.E.

In addition to the above, children should also have a separate PE uniform. From September 2024, Children will be expected to bring their PE kit on PE days. These will be the same day each week. PE kits can stay in school during the week and will be sent home on a Friday to be washed.

- White T-shirt and navy shorts
- Navy jumper or Navy hoodie (Plain or Logo).
- Trainers for outdoor games – unbranded sensible outdoor trainers, navy or black are advisable. PE will occur rain or shine, and occasionally in muddy conditions. Please be aware of this when selecting options for your children. NO baseball boots or Converse (All-Stars) type shoes.
- Navy/black jogging bottoms for outdoor sports in cold weather that are not branded, e.g. not with sports logos.
- Football boots (no blades) or trainers may be worn for football, and shin pads must be worn for safety reasons.
- Drawstring bag for P.E. clothing clearly labelled with your child's name.

Woodland School

For afternoons attending Woodland School, children must wear ankle-length trousers/leggings as part of their school uniform for safety purposes. They will change into them at lunchtime if necessary.

- School Jumper.
- Appropriate footwear for being in the woods – dependent on the time of year.
- Trousers/leggings that are not branded, e.g. not with sports logos.
- School fleece/coat - optional

Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery (including sunglasses) are not permitted, with the exception of analogue watches and plain stud earrings.

Children with pierced ears are allowed to wear studs, but these should be covered or removed for P.E. and removed for swimming.

Swimming

Your child will need swimwear (not board shorts or bikinis), a towel, a waterproof bag, goggles and **an optional** swimming cap.

Makeup and Cosmetics

Make-up, cosmetics/nail varnish (including French Manicure)/temporary tattoos are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

Hair

If hair is shoulder length or longer, it must be tied up. Pupils should not have hair fashions designed to attract attention; this includes dyed hair and styles such as spikes, Mohicans etc. Close shaved heads are not allowed (minimum number 2). Images, shapes and lines should not be cut into the hair.

Hair ties, bows or other accessories must not be excessively large and must be navy /black or hair coloured.

Naming uniform and Lost property

All uniforms and personal items **must** be marked with your child's name to return lost property. We advise that children in reception have their labelling in lowercase letters to make it more recognisable to them.

Early Years Requirements

It is important, for the promotion of social independence, that the younger children can manage their own clothes and shoes (e.g. Velcro). This should be considered when purchasing school uniforms.

Consequences

When a pupil does not adhere to the school uniform policy, the class teaching staff or the headteacher will discreetly try to establish why by speaking to the child politely and then to the parents. A letter will be sent to the parents if the school uniform policy is still not adhered to. If a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform because their parents are in financial difficulties, we will be sensitive to their needs.

We will give parents time to purchase the required items and/or consider whether a school or local authority clothing grant can be applied for.

Uniform from FOLS

FOLS have a small supply of used uniforms donated from previous families. **There are used uniform sales that occur throughout the year. Alternatively, used uniform can be purchased throughout the year by directly contacting folslanercost@gmail.com.**

Weather

Per the weather, the Headteacher can allow children to wear a fleece in lessons, and extra layers may be worn due to increased ventilation within the school.

During the warmer months, the Headteacher can email parents to express exemptions to this policy (e.g. sandals) to ensure the children are comfortable during lessons.