

# **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

**(September 2011)**

Lytchett Minster School is a workplace. Consequently the dress code reflects the traditional school working environment rather than recreation and leisure. Students are expected to present themselves correctly and tidily at all times, in school and on the way to and from school. 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 safety.

The present uniform is a non-negotiable requirement of all students in Years 7 - 11. There are separate clear guidelines for students in the Sixth Form. The following statements are prepared as 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 practical sessions.

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 Deputy Head (Community). Coats should be of a proper, traditional coat or jacket style and plain (i.e. with no logo or design).

**Please note, denim jackets, 'hoodies' or other sweatshirts are not acceptable.**

## **Shirts & Ties**

Shirts must have a top button which must be done up and shirts should be tucked in at all times. Students must wear blue and white striped shirts sold here in school. These are the only acceptable shirts. Ties must be worn correctly showing a reasonable length of tie (at least 6 double stripes). If a student wishes to wear an additional item of clothing underneath their shirt for warmth, this must not be visible.

## **Sweatshirts**

During the period when winter uniform is to be worn (October Half-term until Easter), students must wear the school sweatshirt to and from lessons. If a student wishes to take his/her sweatshirt off during a lesson he/she should ask the teacher. All students should be using their sweatshirt as their warm garment around the school site. (It is not acceptable for a coat to be worn instead of a sweatshirt). Alternative jumpers and sweatshirts are not permitted. Sweatshirts should not be tied around the waist when not worn at "non-winter uniform" times.

## **Ear-rings**

For safety reasons, any ear-ring which is not of a stud type or flush fitting with 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. Undertaking body piercings that require a ring or object to remain in place whilst the site heals is not acceptable during school sessions.

## **Jewellery**

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum. 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. 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 can arrange to collect it from Main Reception.***

## **Shoes**

All students in the main school must wear shoes that are completely black. Trainers or boots of any kind are not acceptable. Shoes should be of a "sensible" style suitable for the wide variety of activities student tackle each day. (Platform soles higher than 3cm, high heels higher than 5cm, mules, sling backs and sandals for example are therefore inappropriate for school wear and must not be worn).

## **Trousers and Skirts**

Tight clothing can restrict movement in the variety of lesson activities pupils meet in a typical day and therefore trousers and skirts should not be particularly tight. Trousers and skirts, featuring extremes of fashion, including decorative effects such as large buckles, wide belts or excessive flares or slits etc. must not be worn to school. Garments must be made of a traditional plain school wear material and style. Particularly long (e.g. near ankle length) or particularly short skirts (e.g. more than 15 cm above the knee) or any school uniform worn in an inappropriate way must not be worn in school.

## **Make-up and Nail Varnish**

Make-up must be kept to a minimum. It should be subtle and not noticeable. Brightly coloured nail varnish must not be worn to school.

## **Hair**

Non-naturally occurring hair colours are unacceptable for school. Extreme hairstyles are also not acceptable e.g. Mohicans, tramlines, highly gelled etc.

**The school seeks to provide an excellent environment and framework in which students may learn and thrive and we seek the active partnership of parents in insisting on high standards of dress. If students do not comply with our expectations, this obviously becomes a 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. Needless to say, this is a situation we would wish to avoid, but we will not hesitate to act to preserve the standards of the school. The Governors have delegated responsibility to the Headmaster on these issues.**