# Uniform Policy

**LPA Policy Management**

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# Lydiard Park Academy

# Uniform Guide 2025-2026

Lydiard Park Academy place great importance on maintaining a high standard of uniform and personal appearance for all pupils. Our uniform is a visible reflection of the Academy's value, and wearing it with pride helps to create a focused, respectable learning environment.

To uphold these standards, pupils who do not meet the expectations outlined in this policy will receive a **C3 sanction for incorrect uniform.**

We ask for the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring that pupils arrive at the Academy each day dressed in full, correct uniform.

In line with the new Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, parents are only required to purchase three branded items with a logo as part of the compulsory uniform. In addition, for secondary pupils, a school house tie may also be designated as a required element of the uniform

The compulsory items for Lydiard Park Academy are:

- **Blazer**
- **PE training top (short-sleeve)**
- **PE training top (long-sleeve)**
- **House Tie**

While this reduces the financial burden on families, the Academy does recommend the purchase of additional branded items were possible, for example:

- PE Rugby shirt, to ensure durability, consistency, and the ease of identification.

We understand that branded Lydiard Park Academy logo items, cannot be purchased from local retailers/supermarkets.

We strive to make sure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost, providing the best value for money for parents/carers.

We do this by:

- Limiting branded Lydiard Park Academy items where possible
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that uniform can act as a social leveller
- Making sure many uniform items are available from high street retailers and supermarkets, as well as the online supplier
- Try and avoid frequent changes to uniform specifications

**In all matters of uniform and appearance, the judgement of the Principal is final.**

Clear guidance on what is permitted can be found in the sections below, and we encourage families to review this information carefully.

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| **Blazer** | A blazer with the Academy badge must be worn at all times to, from and around the Academy.<br>When entering a classroom the blazer may be hung up or over the back of a chair. |
| **Tie** | Every pupil is part of a House, Holmes, Berners Lee, Pascal or Moore.<br>A House colour stripe on the tie is compulsory<br><br>House ties can be purchased through ParentPay.<br><br>An Academy house tie must be worn at all times to, from and around the Academy. |
| **Jumper** | Jumpers are optional but if worn, they must be the Academy's navy blue colour, V-neck and with the Academy badge. |
| **Shirt** | Shirts must be white, either long or short sleeve. They must be tucked in and top buttons done up.<br>This is to maintain our high standards of appearance. |
| **Trousers** | Trousers must be of plain **black** material and smart in appearance.<br><br>Trousers not allowed:<br>• Leggings<br>• Jeans<br>• Jeggings<br>• Crop trousers<br>• Excessively tight or baggy fitting trousers |
| **Shorts** | Shorts are permitted but must be plain black tailored school shorts and of appropriate length. |
| **Skirts** | Skirts must be of plain **black** material and an appropriate length<br><br>Skirts not allowed:<br>• Tube<br>• Lycra or stretch-jersey<br>• Excessively short or tight-fitting<br>• Large zips, buckles or embellishments |

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| **Shoes** | Plain black formal school shoes<br><br>Shoes not allowed:<br>• Trainers.<br>• Footwear that resembles trainers, including non-branded or 'school style' trainers sold by some retailers (even if they are marked as school shoes).<br>• Footwear made of trainer type materials or soles<br>• Shoes made with sports style stitching, mesh panels, logos<br><br>In summary any design features typically associated with sports footwear are not permitted as a 'school shoe'<br><br>**Trainers can be worn during PE lessons or on the play surfaces at lunchtime and session 6** |
| **Coats** | An outdoor coat without large logos or writing.<br><br>Coats not allowed:<br>• Denim<br>• Sweatshirts<br>• Hoodies<br>• Cardigans<br><br>All coats must be removed when entering a classroom. |
| **Hats** | Hats are not permitted to be worn in the school buildings. This includes hoods up when inside. |
| **Jewellery** | Earrings are allowed but should be small and discreet.<br><br>A single discreet nose stud (No rings) is permitted.<br><br>No other forms of facial/body piercings are allowed.<br><br>**If a pupil has any other piercings, removal will be expected immediately - There are no exceptions to this rule.** |
| **Make Up** | Discreet make-up only. |
| **Nails** | Nails are permitted; however, they must be kept at a safe length that allows Pupils to fully access and participate in the curriculum.<br><br>They should also be in a neutral colour to maintain a smart and appropriate appearance for school. |
| **Hair** | Hair styles should be clean and tidy to ensure clear visibility and safe participation in lessons.<br><br>Hair must not obstruct learning or pose a health and safety risk during practical subjects such as PE, Science or DT.<br><br>Hair should be of a natural colour. Extreme or unnatural colours (e.g bright red, blue shades) are not permitted.<br><br>The Academy reserves the right to make the final decision on what constitutes an acceptable hairstyle.<br><br>Any hairstyle that draws undue attention, undermines the smart appearance of the uniform, or is considered extreme will not be permitted. |

## Academy PE Kit

The following sets out the required PE Kit as part of our uniform policy and outlines the standards expected for all pupils during these lessons:

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<tr><td rowspan="2">Boys</td><td>Compulsory – with LPA logo<br><br>APTUS Short Sleeve Training Top Lydiard Pk. Navy/Gold<br><br> <br><br>APTUS 1/4 Zip Training Top Lydiard Pk. Navy/Gold<br><br> </td></tr>
<tr><td>Compulsory – no logo required<br><br>Plain Navy shorts with or without Academy logo<br><br>Navy long sports socks<br><br>Trainers - must have good support and good sole – no basketball boots or daps<br><br>Football boots* for outdoor games<br>(*Please note that only trainers/moulded small round plastic studs are allowed on the Astro turf.)</td></tr>
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| **Girls** | **Compulsory – with LPA logo**<br><br>APTUS Female Full Zip Training Top Lydiard Pk. Navy/Gold<br><br> <br><br>APTUS Female Short Sleeve Training Top Lydiard Pk. Navy/Gold<br><br> |
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In addition to the compulsory PE Kit, the optional items detailed below may be worn. These are all available on the main SWI uniform and PE kit site (www.swidtp.co.uk):

- Plain Navy Micro Fleece (Girls)
- Navy Rugby shirt (Boys)
- Navy or Black Tracksuit Bottoms
- Navy Sports Leggings
- Gum Shield (Rugby)
- Shin Pads (Football)

**Health & Safety Information for PE Lessons:**
Long hair must be tied back
Asthma sufferers must bring inhalers to all lessons
Jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons.

If a pupil is not doing PE, they will need a note or an email sent by a parent. Pupils will still be required to change for PE.

We ask them to do this to engage them in the lesson as a coach, referee or similar. If it rains, they will also have their dry uniform to change back into.

**Ordering School Branded Uniform**

Parents/Carers can order our PE Kit easily through our uniform supplier, Sportswear International, using the guidance provided below

You can place orders using one of the following methods:

1. Online: www.swischoolwear.co.uk

2. Phone: 01928 752610

## Delivery into School

SWI operate a free of charge delivery service into school every week during term time. Orders must be placed by 5pm on the Wednesday for delivery into school the following Friday for collection on Monday. This allows you to avoid the delivery charge and makes it easy for students to collect their order from within the school.

## Returns Procedure

In every dispatch, a form is included with full details of how to send items back for a refund.
SWI offer a 30 day returns policy. Full terms and conditions can be found on their website.
www.swischoolwear.co.uk