

## School Uniform Policy

### Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organized event outside normal school hours.

Children wear school uniform to foster a pride in their appearance, and their school, and to identify them when out on school journeys.

Lowbrook Academy uniform consists of:

#### Blazer (KS2)

Lowbrook Cardigans or Lowbrook jumpers.

Grey, trousers or shorts, skirts and pinafores (length should be no more than 2" above the knee)

#### White Polo shirts (KS1)

White shirt with tie (KS2) or

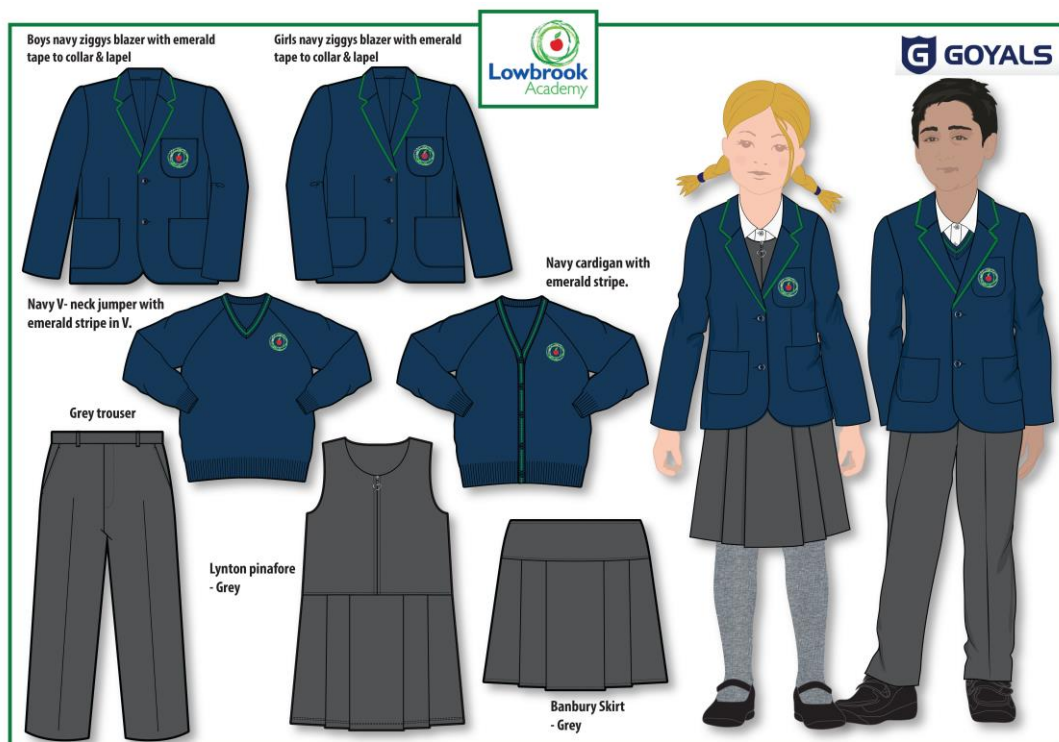
School blouses without a tie optional for girls (KS2).

Pale blue and white gingham summer dresses.

Sensible black or navy shoes. (No high heels)

Grey socks or tights - winter.

White socks for girls in the summer if wearing gingham





### **Aims and Objectives**

- Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Ensures all children have a sense of belonging and social disadvantage minimalised
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents a good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, heels or open toes. Trainers are only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear; they are not suitable for daily wear as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school uniform.

### **Hair**

Whilst we take into consideration culture and religion the School Uniform policy specifically requires that hair should not be at the extremes of fashion.

“Extreme” – not too short, nor too long, a “number 2” is the minimum acceptable in terms of shortness, and should be blended in with hair of other lengths. No Mohicans or rattails are acceptable.

“Artwork” on the scalp or eyebrows is regarded as a fashion extreme and is therefore not permitted.

Hair should be one tone and be close to the individual student’s natural hair tone. Primary colours are not acceptable.

Hairbands, hairclips and head scarves should be strictly functional and navy blue, light blue, black or white.

For Health and Safety reasons hair over the collar and that is at a level which could cause an accident/injury to a child should be tied back at all times especially for PE and cookery.



## **Piercings**

The children are allowed one piercing in each earlobe. Earrings are to be small studs only. The school reserves the right to ask children to take out or tape over studs for activities it considers as risky e.g. PE and Outdoor Activities such as caving. Please do not have your child's ears pierced within 8 weeks of swimming in year 3 or within 8 weeks of the school's Residential Trip. Failure to comply with this may result in your child missing some or all of these activities. As a policy, staff do not bathe or look after children's earrings.

## **These are to be The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents to send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

## **The Role of the Governors**

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The governors will consider, with the Principal, any request from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

This policy, which has been endorsed by the governing body, will be reviewed bi-annually.

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The Governing Body approved this policy on date: **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Signed:

Chair of Governors

Signed:

Executive Principal