

Dear Longdendale Families,

Re: Changes to School Uniform Policy – September Implementation

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to our school uniform policy that will take effect from September 2025, in line with the latest guidance issued through the UK Children and Wellbeing Schools Bill.

This bill places a clear emphasis on ensuring school uniforms are affordable and accessible for all families, while maintaining high standards and a strong sense of school identity. Following a full review of our current policy and consultation with governors, we are making the following changes to the list of required branded uniform items.

From September, the only compulsory branded items of the Longdendale High School uniform will be:

School blazer

School tie

PE top

PE bottoms (shorts, leggings or joggers)

All other items, such as trousers, jumpers and skirts do not need to be branded and can be purchased from high-street retailers, provided they meet the school's dress code and are plain in colour and style. Full details of our updated uniform policy, including guidance on acceptable non-branded items are linked to this letter and will be available on the school website shortly. Our normal uniform suppliers will continue to sell non-branded items should we wish to buy them.

We understand that uniform costs can place a burden on families, and we hope these changes will help reduce this while still preserving a consistent and professional appearance for our students. Alongside this, we have our pre-loved uniform shop which is available on family evenings. We also encourage families to you have any questions regarding the new policy or require support with uniform provision, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's Head of Year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in upholding the standards and values of Longdendale High School.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Chiles
Head of School

UNIFORM UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHOOL SKIRT

From September 2025, the school skirt no longer has to display the school logo. Skirts should still be pleated, grey or charcoal in colour and be at least 20" in length. Skirts are not to be rolled up at the waist and tights (minimum 60 denier) must be worn.

Suitable skirts can be purchased from any high street retailer, including supermarkets (please see example to the right).

School skirts displaying the school logo can still be worn.



SCHOOL JUMPER

From September 2025, the school jumper no longer has to display the school logo. Jumpers should be V neck and charcoal grey in colour for all year groups.

Suitable jumpers can be purchased from any high street retailer, including supermarkets (please see example to the left).

School jumpers displaying the school logo can still be worn.

BRANDED ITEMS

All other items of school uniform are to remain the same. Branded items consist of the school blazer, tie, PE shirt and PE bottoms (either shorts, leggings or joggers).

Our uniform stockists will still sell branded and unbranded items of the school skirt and school jumper.

Good quality pre-loved uniform is available to purchase at all parents' evenings throughout the school year.

Further details on our uniform expectations, including our full uniform policy, can be found on our website:

www.longdendalehighschool.org.uk/parents/uniform/

