

Lift Schools documents

School Uniform Policy

Name of school	Lift Greenwood
Last reviewed	September 2025

1. Purpose

This uniform policy ensures that students present themselves in a manner that reflects the values of our school. Wearing a uniform promotes our school identity and minimises distractions to learning. This policy sets clear expectations for student dress, fostering a sense of pride, unity, and equality among all our students.

2. General expectations

All students are expected to wear our full school uniform correctly at all times, including during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and at designated school events. Uniforms should be clean, well-maintained, and worn with pride.

The school is committed to ensuring that uniforms remain affordable and accessible for all families. Second-hand uniforms will be available to support families and promote sustainability. If a family is experiencing financial difficulties, they should contact ebelle@liftgreenwood.org for support.

3. School uniform requirements

The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory for all students.

Our old uniform is compulsory for Years 8-11.

Our new uniform is compulsory for Year 7.

Year 8 to Year 11 will continue with our old uniform until our old uniform is exhausted with our suppliers.

There will be a maximum of three mandatory branded uniform items to minimise financial burdens on families.

Student Uniform	Suggestions for purchase
White shirt with fastened top button - Can be brought from anywhere	*Asda - 2 Pack £5
Black trousers - no leggings or jeans)-or Branded Black skirt (skirts knee length only, available only through Anglia online shop.	Asda - 2 Pack £14 *Branded skirts can only be purchased though the school website
Dark coloured socks or black tights	Asda - 7 Pack Socks £3.50 Asda - 3 Pack Tights £5

LiftGreenwood Academy tie	School Supplier Online - £5 School Reception - £6
House Landyard	Provided free from school. They will cost £1 to replace.
Black blazer - with Greenwood Academy badge	Asda - £14 School Reception - Sew on Badge - £5 School Supplier Online - £31.25
V Neck Jumper (optional uniform item) Jumpers must be Plain Black, V neck, with no logos and must only be worn underneath a blazer and NOT as an alternative. No other jumpers are permitted.	
Sensible coat - no hoodies or denim jackets	Can be brought from anywhere - no specific coat needs to be purchased just for school, just a coat suitable for the season. Should be plain Black/Navy
Plain, black, formal leather, polishable shoes (no trainers or logos).	Sports Direct prices from £6.00 upwards

Additional items:

- Outdoor coats should be either plain black or Navy, without excessive logos. .
- Hats and scarves/gloves should be plain black/navy
- Any religious or cultural attire should be worn in line with school colours and guidelines.

4. Appearance and grooming

- Clear nail varnish only – nails kept to a sensible length and safe for use of equipment required for the curriculum.
- Fake nails of any kind not permitted (including gel, extensions, BIAB, acrylic etc).
- No false eyelashes
- Subtle makeup which is discreet
- One pair of one small set of studs in each ear lobe is permitted (smaller than the lobe, should be plain silver or gold and no hoops) and a maximum of one ring.

- Hair should be appropriate to a professional place of work, i.e. no extreme styles or colours, shaved words or patterns. Hair must be a subtle single colour, i.e. no vivid tints. A pupil may be asked to tie hair back for health and safety reasons. Hair bands should be plain black; no other hair ornament is necessary.
- No facial piercings are allowed. Plastic retainer only for nose piercing. No septum piercing as these present a serious risk in physical activity such as Physical Education.

5. Non-compliance and consequences

Students who fail to adhere to the uniform policy will be sanctioned in accordance with our behaviour arrangements, which can be found on our website.

6. Special considerations

If a student has a medical or other valid reason for not wearing the full uniform, parents/guardians must provide a written explanation, and the school may grant temporary exemptions where appropriate.

7. Legal and ethical considerations

Our uniform policy complies with the Human Rights Act 1998, Equality Act 2010 and the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill 2024. We have considered the policy's impact on pupils with protected characteristics such as sex, religion or belief, race, disability, gender reassignment, and pregnancy.

8. Review and amendments

This policy is subject to an annual review to ensure it meets the needs of our school community. Any changes will be communicated to parents, students, and staff in advance.

Please contact jjordan@liftgreenwood.org for any queries regarding the uniform policy.

Non-branded items

Non-branded items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers on the high street and online.

Uniform for specific times of year

In extreme weather conditions the Academy will inform you by email of any adjustments made.

Financial assistance

We understand that purchasing a school uniform can create a financial burden for some families. If you require financial assistance in purchasing uniform items, please contact ebelle@liftgreenwood.org.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing our students look smart in their uniforms.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the new uniform be available?

The new uniform will be available for purchase for Year 7 pupils only at the start of the 2025 school year. Once the uniform suppliers provide the information, the school will confirm the exact dates on which the uniform will be available in-store and online.

What happens to the old uniform?

The new uniform will be phased in, with Year 7 being able to purchase the new uniform for September 2025. The old uniform will be phased out over three years. You should continue to buy the old uniform until it is no longer available if your child is in any of the other year groups. We encourage families to consider buying second-hand uniform items whenever possible.

Where can I buy the new uniform?

Branded items can be purchased from our current uniform supplier "[yourschoolwear](#)".

All other items can be bought from a wide range of retailers on the high street and online.

What are the costs associated with the new uniform?

Costs will vary depending on the size of the uniform your child needs. The costs of individual items and sizes will be available from "[yourschoolwear](#)".

Our aim with the new uniform is to reduce the number of branded items, which will result in the cost of the uniform being less than the cost of our current uniform.

What if I cannot afford the new uniform?

Please contact ebelle@liftgreenwood.org if you need support.

What if my child needs a specific uniform due to their religion or belief?

Our school uniform guidance is inclusive and respectful of all religions and beliefs. If you have specific requirements, please contact jjordan@liftgreenwood.org to discuss your child's needs.

What about other year groups?

Students in other year groups (Years 8-11) will begin buying the new uniform as it is rolled out over the next three years. Students should continue to buy the old-style uniform until it is no longer available. Students will not be penalised for wearing old-style uniforms during this three-year transition period.