



# Our Approach to Uniform

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## At LCE Academy, our approach to uniform is rooted in belonging, dignity, safety and readiness for learning.

We recognise that many of our pupils have experienced barriers to attending, engaging and feeling comfortable in school. For this reason, we do not use uniform as a reason to sanction pupils. Our priority is to build trust, support regulation and help pupils develop positive routines around school, learning and wider life. *Sensible, human, and somehow still controversial in education.*

### What we expect

#### OUR EXPECTATION

**Pupils wear at least one item of LCE-branded clothing each day. This may include:**

an LCE t-shirt

an LCE coat

an LCE gilet

an LCE mid-layer or jumper

These items can be worn alongside appropriate casual clothing. Clothing should be suitable for a school environment, safe for the activities taking place and respectful of others within the school community.

### Safety comes first

Where clothing, footwear or jewellery may present a safety concern, pupils will be supported to make appropriate adjustments. For example, jewellery may need to be removed for physical education, practical activities, outdoor learning or vocational sessions. Staff will explain the reason clearly and calmly, with a focus on safety rather than punishment.

### Preparing for life beyond school

Our aim is to help pupils understand how clothing choices can change depending on the activity, setting and environment. This forms part of our wider personal development work, helping pupils prepare for education, employment, training and life beyond school.

### Removing barriers, together

We will work with pupils and families to remove barriers wherever possible. If a pupil does not have suitable clothing or is struggling with the expectation, staff will respond relationally and practically, seeking to understand the reason and provide support.