

LIFT KINGSWOOD YEARS 8-11 UNIFORM POLICY FOR 2025-26



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UNIFORM POLICY

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Students must be in perfect uniform at all times: from leaving their home in the morning until they return home. Whenever students are wearing the school uniform, they are representing the school. If students' shoes or an item of uniform becomes damaged, and there is a slight delay in replacing it, then the school will provide a temporary replacement. If a student refuses to wear this item, they will be sent home to rectify the issue or placed in reflections.

The Principal will make the final decision of whether items of uniform are acceptable. If you are unsure whether or not certain items of uniform meet our uniform requirements, please check with the school before you purchase them.

Our uniform provider is **Steady Schoolwear**. The following items must be purchased from our provider:

- Blazer
- Trousers or skirt
- PE training top
- Tie

The following items are optional and are available from Steady Schoolwear.

- Jumper
- Outdoor rain jacket
- PE trousers
- PE t-shirt
- PE shorts
- PE socks

These other items may be purchased elsewhere but they must meet the Lift Kingswood Uniform Policy. **Please note some items of clothing may be advertised in 'school wear' sections of shops but may not meet our policy.**

BLAZERS

Students are required to wear a school blazer at all times. Students may only take their blazer off in a classroom, once seated in a social area or outside at break or lunch.

Year 11 students are required to wear a grey blazer without the school logo. Years 8, 9 and 10 students are required to wear a navy blazer with the school logo.

If a student is selected to be a prefect, they are required to wear a blue blazer with silver piping provided by the school. This blazer will remain the property of the school. Parents are still required to buy a blazer in case this privilege is removed.

SKIRTS AND TIGHTS

Skirts, if chosen to be worn, must be purchased from our supplier. For Year 8, 9 and 10 this must be a knee length Navy Tartan Skirt; for Year 11 students this must be a knee length Colchester Skirt in grey. Any other brand or style of skirt is not permitted and all skirts must be at least knee-length. Skirts should be fitted to the hip, not the waist and must reach knee length when sat on the hip. Students must wear tights if they choose to wear a skirt. Tights must be plain black and professional looking and between 60 – 100 denier. Tights must not be patterned or have any texture to them. Leggings are not permitted.

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All students who attend the academy with incorrect skirt length will be issued with a modification on their conduct card. If the skirt is not the required knee-length, students will be provided with a skirt or alternative uniform to loan that day. If this is not feasible, home will be contacted to arrange a replacement. Any students who refuse to comply with uniform standards will be placed in reflections until their uniform meets the academy standard.

TROUSERS

In Year 8, 9 and 10 navy Signature Classic Trousers must be purchased from our supplier; any other style or brand is not permitted. **In Year 11, grey trousers with the school logo on must be purchased from our supplier;** any other style or brand is not permitted.

All trousers should be the classic style and must sit over and be touching shoes; ankles should not be visible. The correct size trousers should be purchased to ensure they do not appear skinny and are not clingy on the calves, knees and thighs.

Any other trousers, other than those from Steady Schoolwear, are not permitted.

Any student who attends the school with an incorrect trouser fit will be issued with a modification on their conduct card and will be provided with a suitable alternative pair of trousers to loan that day. If this is not feasible, home will be contacted to arrange a replacement. Any students who refuse to comply with uniform standards will be placed in reflections until their uniform meets the school standard.

BELTS

If a belt is worn, it must be plain black with no patterns or indentations (no other colour or part colour is acceptable) aside from the buckle. The belt must be made from leather or a similar leather look material that could be polished. The buckle must be basic, look professional and display no logo. The buckle must be black or silver in colour. Coloured stitching is not permitted

SHIRTS

Shirts must be long sleeved and completely white with a collar. **Short sleeve shirts are not permitted.** Logos on shirts are unacceptable. The top button must be present and fastened at all times. Shirts must be tucked into trousers/ skirts. Sleeves on shirts and blazers must always be rolled down whilst walking around the school. Any item of clothing worn underneath the shirt must not be visible through the shirt (this includes underwear and vests).

SOCKS

Socks must be plain black and professional looking. Socks must go above the ankle and frills are not allowed on the hem.

This is acceptable as the skirt is knee length



This is acceptable as the skirt is too short



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JUMPERS (OPTIONAL)

In Years 8, 9 and 10 students may wear a navy jumper with logo. In Year 11 students may wear a grey jumper with logo. This jumper can be purchased through the academy uniform store. Parents may choose to buy a jumper from an alternative supplier, where this is the case the jumper must be plain navy (or grey if in Year 11), knitted with a v-neck.

LANYARDS AND BADGES

The lanyard must be worn at all times in school around the neck. It should be clearly displayed and not tucked in a student's jumper or blazer pocket. The lanyard needs to be worn at the correct length and not be worn with knots in it. If any part of the lanyard or ID badge is damaged or defaced students will be required to purchase a new item immediately. This will be charged to student accounts through the school ParentPay system if students do not have the cash with them.

All badges and lanyards must be worn at all times and must remain in excellent condition. Badges must be worn in line with school expectations and centred on the correct lapel. Replacement lanyards for badges must be purchased from reception, these can be purchased through parent pay or with cash (prices displayed below):

- Full lanyard with ID card £1.30
- Lanyard £0.50
- Plastic holder £0.25
- House badge £2.00

TIES

Ties must be tied and adjusted to the top button so the button is not visible. The tie must be of an appropriate length. Whether or not the tie is of an appropriate length will be determined by the stripes on the tie. The stripes must be at least 2.5cm (or more) below the knot. The stripes must not be touching the knot or on the knot.



FOOTWEAR

Students must wear **shoes which are completely black**, look professional and not have any logos or tags e.g. Kickers tags. The sole of the shoe must be completely black. The laces must be black and the eyelets which the laces go through must be small and black. They must be formal shoes, not black trainers, boots, converse, pumps, sandals or sandals. The shoes must be leather or leather look and must be able to be polished. Only one buckle is allowed on any style of shoe. This buckle must be black or silver. Any stitching on the sole or the shoe must be black. **Velcro fastening shoes or shoes with a zip are not permitted.** Recommended shoes are shown below;



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BAGS

It is compulsory that all students bring a rucksack to the school every day. It is recommended the rucksack be completely black in colour, plain with only a small logo, no bigger than the Students ID badge.

The rucksack must be able to hold an outdoor coat, A4 journal, P.E. kit and the compulsory stationery that all students must have for school. The compulsory stationery includes: a black/blue pen, a green pen, a pencil, a whiteboard pen, whiteboard rubber and a ruler. **The rucksack must be carried using both straps.** If it is raining students should have a carrier bag to place their coat in to avoid the contents of the rucksack getting wet.

If a student attends without an acceptable rucksack, the school will provide a Lift Kingswood carrier bag for the student to carry their equipment on that day. Any student not in possession of either a rucksack that complies with policy, or a Lift Kingswood carrier bag, will be placed in reflections. Please find to the right examples of recommended bags that meet our policy.

Charity badges may only be worn on school bags, students are permitted to wear a maximum of three charity badges, which should be no larger than a £2 coin.



COATS

When weather permits, students are encouraged to wear coats. Coats must not be worn inside the building and must be removed and placed in their bag.

PE KIT

The compulsory PE kit is the same for all students and must be purchased from Steady Schoolwear. This comprises of:

- Navy Aptus full zip or 1/4 zip training top with logo

The following items are required for all students and can be purchased from Steady Schoolwear:

- Navy football socks
- Navy Aptus training pants
- Navy polo training top with logo

**Additional optional items:
(available from Steady Schoolwear)**

- Navy shorts
- Rugby top
- Raincoat



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All students are required to bring trainers for PE lessons and sport based enrichment activities. Sandshoes, hightops and fashion trainers are not permitted. Football boots may be worn on the field and 3G pitch when participating in relevant sports however, these boots can only have either moulded studs or screw in studs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- All students are required to bring all required elements of their PE kit to school on the days where they have PE on their timetable.
- Girls may choose to wear plain navy leggings for dance.
- When the weather is cold:
 - students may wear a plain navy woolly hat (no logos permitted).
 - students may wear a plain navy gloves (no logos permitted).
 - Thermal under layers are permitted, but these must be navy in colour with no logos exposed.
- When participating in lessons in the Activity Studio, students must participate in bare feet, gripped socks are not permitted for safety reasons.
- Where students have medical conditions that may be exacerbated/heightened through physical activity, they must ensure they have necessary medication with them in PE lessons, for example inhalers.
- All watches and earrings (only jewellery permitted in the school) must be removed.
- For the health and safety of all students, aerosol-based antiperspirants/deodorants/body sprays and perfumes are not permitted in school.
- Any kit not purchased from Steady Schoolwear must meet the following requirements and be the same style and fit as provided by Steady Schoolwear:
 - plain navy football socks (with no logo, or any other styling)
 - plain navy training pants (with no logo, or any other styling)
 - navy polo training top (with no logo, or any other styling)
- In the first instance where a student does not bring a PE kit, students will receive a negative on their conduct card for every item of kit not brought to the PE lesson. On the second occurrence students will incur a C3 detention and a phone call home. On the third occasion, students will incur a C4 detention and a parental meeting.



SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

GENERAL APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

HAIR

Hair needs to be smart and conservative. Extreme hair colours are not permitted (only natural looking, maintained colours are allowed). Where hair has been dyed to a natural looking colour this must continue to meet the expected standard as hair grows and must be maintained to ensure the roots continue to match the rest of the hair or the hair is returned back to the natural colour to avoid mismatch colours. Dip dye and high/low lights that are different to the remaining hair colour are not permitted. Any student with weaves, wigs or extensions must ensure these meet the aforementioned hair expectations. Beads of any colour are not permitted within hairstyles.

Extreme hair styles, including extreme step changes in hair length, shaved lines/patterns and coloured hair braids are also not permitted for any student. Students are permitted to shave their head if they wish to but to prevent any extreme step change, the whole head must be shaved. Skin fades and undercuts are not permitted.

Students will be asked to rectify these issues as soon as possible and parents will be contacted. If the issue cannot be rectified, the student will be placed in reflections to complete their classwork until the hair meets school expectations.

MAKE-UP

Make-up must not be visible (if make up can be seen it must be removed).

The following are not permitted:

- False eyelashes/eyelash extensions
- Unnatural looking eyebrows such as HD brows and tinted brows (brow liner must also not be visible)
- Purposeful gaps e.g. shaved lines are not permitted in eyebrows
- Fake tan or spray tan that does not look natural
- Students are not permitted to bring make-up or fragrances in glass bottles to school.
- Where students are found with these in their possession, they will be confiscated for collection by parents at reception. Where this item has not been collected within 48 hours it may be disposed of.

ACCESSORIES

The following are acceptable:

- Hair bobbles must be black or match the student's natural hair colour. They must not be kept on wrists or lanyards. If this occurs the bobble will be confiscated and need collecting by parents
- A headband can be worn provided it is black or matches the student's natural hair colour and no more than 1 cm wide
- Hair clips must be black or match the student's natural hair colour.

The following are not permitted:

- False nails (including coloured or French polish)
- Painted nails – only clear nail polish is permitted

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- Bandanas – this includes wearing them as a hairband
- Badges (other than badges issued by the school)
- Caps or hats
- Visible tattoos including Henna (Henna tattoos are only permitted when attending religious celebrations and parents are required to notify the Principal).

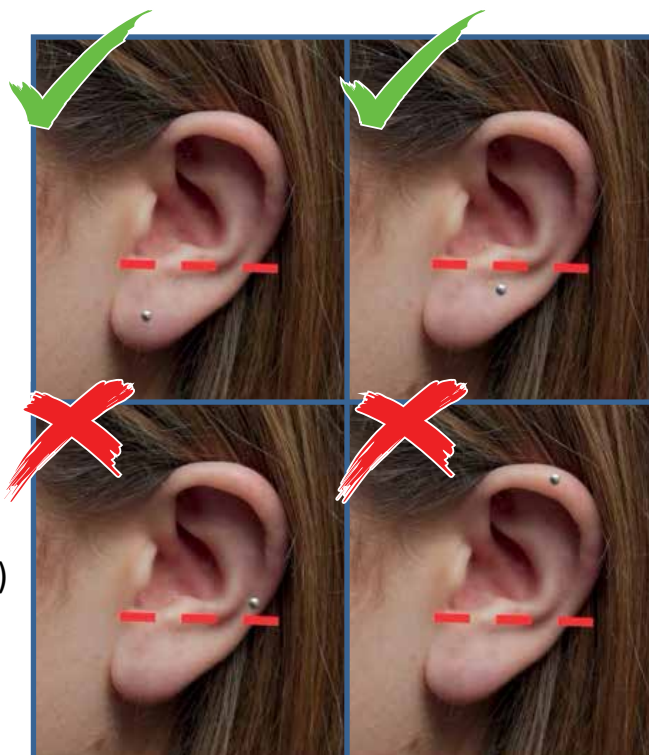
JEWELLERY

The following are acceptable:

- One watch
- One plain pair of silver or gold ear studs (no more than 5mm in diameter) in the lower ear lobe. The lower ear lobe is defined by a horizontal line at the bottom of the ear opening. The photos on the left indicate what is and isn't acceptable.

The following are not permitted:

- Facial piercings (clear spacers or retainers are not allowed at any time)
- Jewellery – (including rings, bracelets, bangles)
- Sleepers, stretchers or spike earrings
- Coloured earrings or earrings with stones/ jewels
- Smartwatches and fitness trackers (e.g. FitBits are not allowed)



FOOD AND DRINK EXPECTATIONS

DRINKS

Students will only be allowed to bring the following drinks into the school:

- Plain water (**still**)
- Flavoured water (**still**)
- Milk

The school will also only sell the drinks listed above. The water and flavoured water must be clear and see through. **These items must be in a clear plastic bottle.** These are the only types of drinks that are acceptable within the school. **No energy or fizzy drinks are permitted** and all drinks must be under 1 litre in capacity. Water fountains are available throughout the school for students to refill their bottle outside of lesson times.

FOOD

Students have a designated restaurant in school and they must eat their lunch in the area in which they purchased it. They are not permitted to take food onto the corridors or outside. Packed lunches must be kept in a lunch box, container or bag and must be eaten in the year group designated eating area. Drinks, which are part of a packed lunch, must meet the drinks requirements outlined in this policy.

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We are a healthy school, as such the following items of food are not allowed in the school:

- Large bags of crisps i.e. grab bags/share bags
- Large bags of sweets
- Multipacks of chocolate bars

We encourage students to bring items such as fresh fruit/vegetable portions. Further ideas on healthy packed lunches can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>. Any items not permitted will be confiscated and must be collected by parents within 48 hours before being discarded.

Chewing gum is not permitted in any aspect of the school site, any student found chewing will be issued a consequence and any chewing gum will be confiscated.

MOBILE PHONE EXPECTATIONS

No student is permitted to use their mobile phone or an electronic device whilst on the premises. If they bring their mobile phone/electronic device with them to the school, it must be switched off before they enter the school gates. They will not be able to switch them on again until they have left the school site. Failure to adhere to this policy will mean that the item (including earphones) will be confiscated and will not be returned to the student until it has been collected by a parent/carer. Students who have their electronic devices confiscated (including earphones), will receive a one hour detention. Failure to hand over any items will result in a day in Reflections.

ACADEMIC JOURNAL

If a student loses, defaces or damages their academic journal they are expected to replace it before the start of the next school day. Academic journals can be purchased from reception at a cost of £5.00.

MORNING ENTRY CHECKS

Students are required to show their conduct card and academic journal to a senior member of staff upon entering the school.

In order to safeguard your child we also conduct periodic bag and uniform checks in reception to ensure that all students meet all elements of this policy. If, during bag checks, a student is found to have items on them that are not permitted, these will be confiscated. Where appropriate, home contact will be made.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

If you are unsure about any of our uniform requirements, please contact the school on 01482 879967.

All students who attend the school with incorrect uniform will be issued with a negative on their conduct card and provided with the correct uniform to loan that day. If this is not feasible, home will be contacted to arrange a replacement. Any students who do not comply with uniform standards will be placed in reflections until their uniform meets the school standard.

The final decision on any uniform issues will be made by the Principal.

YEARS 8, 9 & 10 UNIFORM - STEADY SCHOOLWEAR PRICE LIST JUNE 2025

Prices from*

Girls Navy Signature Jacket	£29.99*
Girls Navy Signature Classic Trouser	£17.99*
Navy Tartan Skirt	£21.99*
Boys Navy Signature Jacket	£29.99*
Boys Navy Signature Classic Trouser	£17.99*
Allocated Year Group School Tie - (Girls & Boys)	£6.50
Navy Jumper with Logo	£18.99*
Navy Polo Training Top	£12.99*
Navy Pro Tec Rugby Shirt	£19.99*
Navy Aptus Training Pants	£17.99*
Lift Kingswood Navy Football Socks	£4.99*
Lift Kingswood Navy PE Shorts	£6.99*
Boys Navy 1/4 Zip Training Top	£19.99*
Girls Navy Full Zip Training Top	£19.99*

The school will subsidise £1.50 towards the cost of each child's first pair of trousers or skirt.

To qualify for this subsidy you are required to provide your child's name along with a form of identification to a member of staff at Steady Schoolwear at the time of purchase.



YEAR 11 UNIFORM - STEADY SCHOOLWEAR PRICE LIST JUNE 2025

Prices from*

Girls Grey Colchester Blazer	£31.49*
Girls Grey Cambridge Trouser	£19.99*
Grey Colchester Skirt	£21.99*
Boys Grey Savile Blazer	£31.49*
Boys Grey Oxford Trouser	£19.99*
School Tie with Logo - (Girls & Boys)	£6.50
Grey Jumper with Logo	£19.99*
Aptus Short Sleeve Training Top	£12.99*
Pro Tec Rugby Shirt	£19.99*
Aptus Training Pants	£17.99*
Lift Kingswood Navy Football Socks	£4.99*
Lift Kingswood Navy PE Shorts	£6.99*
Boys Aptus 1/4 Zip Training Top	£19.99*
Girls Aptus Full Zip Training Top	£19.99*

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