



**Longcause Community
Special School**

Uniform Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the expectations regarding school uniform at Longcause, ensuring affordability, accessibility, and flexibility to meet the diverse needs of our students and their families.

2. Uniform Guidelines

Longcause is committed to maintaining an affordable and accessible uniform for all families. To support this commitment, the decision has been made to remove the school logo from uniform requirements. This allows families the flexibility to purchase uniform items from retailers of their choice, including supermarkets, which offer cost-effective and easily accessible options.

The standard Longcause school uniform consists of:

- Navy jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt

These items can be purchased from a variety of outlets, ensuring both convenience and affordability.

3. Flexibility for Individual Needs

Longcause recognises the diverse needs of our students, particularly those with sensory sensitivities. As such, we adopt a flexible approach to uniform requirements. While we encourage the standard uniform colours, we fully support families who face challenges in dressing their children due to Autism or other specific needs. Uniform requirements will not be enforced in a manner that creates barriers to a student's access to education.

4. Communication with Families

Upon enrolment at Longcause, the Family Team will provide information regarding the school uniform policy. Families will be reassured that we understand if their child cannot adhere to the standard uniform due to individual needs.

5. Financial Support and Second-Hand Uniforms

We are mindful of the financial challenges some families may face. Although our uniform is designed to be affordable, we offer additional support where needed. This includes:

- Providing information on low-cost purchasing options available at most supermarkets.
- Signposting to second-hand uniform shops and relevant charities.
- Maintaining a small stock of donated second-hand uniforms to assist families in need.

Families are encouraged to reach out for support if they face any financial difficulties related to uniform procurement. Our goal is to ensure that uniform requirements do not create undue hardship for any student or family.

6. Commitment

Longcause is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where uniform policies reflect the values of accessibility, flexibility, and sensitivity to the needs of all our students and families.