

School Uniform

Larkmead School uniform can be bought through the link on our school website from our suppliers, Trutex. If sizes are not available on the website please call Trutex on 01235 211011 and they will be able to assist further. The uniform features a V neck jumper and cardigan (both with school logo) and either may be worn by students. The school tie should have a sensible sized knot, pushed up to the top button and the top button must be done up.

Pupils can wear a plain white polo shirt when worn under a Larkmead School V neck jumper or cardigan. During warmer weather, when pupils may choose not to wear the Larkmead School V neck jumper or cardigan, they must wear either a white Larkmead polo shirt or a plain white shirt with Larkmead tie.

Trousers: They should be plain black tailored trousers without decoration. This means that fashion trousers, chinos, jeans or 'skinny trousers', with decorative buttons on the front, exposed zips and studded pockets must **not** be worn. Knee length black tailored shorts can be worn as part of the summer uniform.

Shirts, jumpers/cardigans: School shirts can be worn by all students all year round if they wish. Shirts should be plain white, long, or short sleeved shirts, with a collar buttoning to the neck and always tucked in. Students must wear the Larkmead tie when wearing a collared shirt to school. Alternatively, students may prefer to wear the white Larkmead School polo shirt all year round instead of a shirt and tie. Plain white polo shirts may be worn but only under Larkmead School V neck jumpers or cardigans. Only a school cardigan or jumper may be worn over a shirt and tie. Neither cardigans nor jumpers should be tucked into trousers or skirts.

Footwear: Shoes must be plain black leather, sturdy and cover the whole foot so that good protection of the foot is guaranteed in subjects like Design & Technology. Plain black leather trainers with black laces and no coloured soles are permitted. Sandals, pumps or canvas shoes are **not** permitted. Boots should not be worn by either girls or boys. Plain black socks or tights should be worn by all students.

Skirts and Skirt length: The school policy on skirts is that they should be black, knee length and without decoration. Pencil or tube skirts are not permitted.

Coats: Students are free to wear any design of coat, although they may not wear denim jackets or coats with potentially offensive or inappropriate words or images on them. Hoods should always be down when in a school building

Piercings and Jewellery: Students are permitted to wear studded earrings. Lips, eyebrows or tongue piercings are not permitted. Please make sure piercings are done over the summer holidays to ensure they can be removed for practical lessons. The following jewellery may also be worn: a watch, one plain

ring, and a single St. Christopher and chain or similar. All jewellery must be removed (there should be no taping over piercings or rings) in PE, Dance and Design and Technology lessons, as it is potentially hazardous.

Make –up: Discreet make up is allowed. The definition of discreet will be made clear to students both verbally and through pictures, and the arbiter of decisions is the student's Director of Learning & tutor.

Nails: Acrylic, gel or any type of false nails are not appropriate for school and represent a potential health and safety issue, therefore they are not permitted in school. Coloured nail polish is not permitted.

Larkmead School P.E Kit

Any of the following may be worn on students' lower body:

Shorts – Loose fitting and Plain Black (not cotton, at least 5 inches below the inner thigh)

Skort – Plain Black (no logos)

Tracksuit Bottoms – Plain Black (no logos)

Sports Leggings – Plain Black (no logos)

Either of the following may be worn on students' Upper body:

Polo Shirt - black w/ gold side panels *

*Can all be purchased from Trutex Didcot

If the weather is cold students can also wear a plain black Hoodie (no logos). However, this must be worn over their Polo shirt or Rugby Shirt. They may also wear a plain black hat. Black gloves may be worn at the discretion of the teacher in charge and depending on the activity.

All of the following must be worn on students feet for all lessons:

Sports Socks – black * (for Football students will need long black sports socks)

Shin Pads (for Football only)

Sports Trainers or Football Boots – Depending on the activity. These must be different to their school shoes for safety and to protect our indoor surfaces.

The P.E. staff can answer any other questions about P.E kit. They will also advise as to when football boots will be required so please do not purchase until students have been told the activities they are doing.

In line with the recommendations from the Rugby Football Union we encourage students to wear a mouth guard when taking part in contact rugby. Furthermore, we insist that students wear shin pads for all football lessons, in line with the guidance from the Football Association. Both shin pads and mouth guards can be purchased from the school at a heavily subsidised cost.

Please note that we also insist that students remove all jewellery/watches as well as taking their earrings out during their physical education lessons. As such we suggest that, if you wish for your son/daughter to get their ears pierced, they do so at the beginning of the summer holidays

All clothing, including outdoor coats, bags and P.E. kit, must be clearly and permanently named. It is virtually impossible to trace unnamed items.

Pencil case list

Pencil case	Rubber	4 x highlighters
2 blue or black pens	Ruler	
Purple pen	Protractor	Scientific Calculator (CASIO FX85)
Pencil		

We strongly recommend buying the above calculator model, as it makes it significantly easier for all students to follow the same instructions to learn and use the functions.

If you require a funded pencil case, please complete this form: [Funded Stationary Kit Request Form – Fill in form](#)

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, we can offer a pencil case (with all items above), funded by Larkmead. The pack will exclude the calculator, which will be given at a later date by Maths teachers.

If you are claiming Universal Credit and earn below £7,400 per year, and need financial support to help buy uniform, please contact Beth Costar (Director of Learning for Inclusion) by emailing: bcostar@LAR.CambrianLT.org.

In all matters regarding school uniform, we expect our students to be self-policing; based on them knowing what the rules about uniform are. Similarly, when they are challenged about breaches of those rules, we expect students to comply with a member of staff's request. Where students do not comply as we have said throughout this letter normal school behaviour ladder will be applied.

At this point we would add that if ever you are in any doubt about any aspect of school uniform about what can and cannot be worn, please contact your child's tutor and they will be more than happy to advise you. Teenagers with an eye on the latest fashion can be very persuasive as to what is and isn't school uniform.