

10th April 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: School Uniform Update (0111-24ASW)

Thank you for your understanding and patience around our uniform issues since the close of Elizabeth's Embroidery.

Unfortunately, there are some legal issues we need to resolve before we can move to a new uniform supplier but please be assured this is well underway. We have a new supplier ready to proceed as soon as we're able to and we will share this information as soon as possible.

Once the legal issues are resolved, we will buy the old stock (held by Elizabeth's Embroidery) and sell this in school for the remainder of the academic year. The following items will be available from our uniform shop:

- Longfield V-neck jumpers with the old logo, sold at a reduced price
- Longfield navy polo shirts with the old logo, sold at a reduced price
- PE tops with the old logo, sold at a reduced price
- Ties (no change) Y7-10 silver with navy stripe / Y11 navy with silver stripe the cost remains the same as it is currently

Once we have the stock and it is available online, we will write to you again.

After the Easter Break / Summer Uniform Amendments

Due to parents / carers inability to order uniform, we have made the decision not to enforce the summer uniform. From 28th April to 24th October 2025, pupils will have the choice of wearing either their white shirt and tie with their V-neck jumper, **or** their navy polo shirt. The reason we expect jumpers to be worn with the shirt and tie option is the jumper is the only embroidered item to identify our pupils in the community. However, when the weather is 'warm', pupils will be informed that jumpers can be removed if they wish.

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From September 2025

All uniform will be ordered online from the new supplier and embroidered items will have our new logo. As mentioned previously, we will phase out the old logo. To confirm, there is no expectation that current pupils wear the new items, uniform with the old logo will remain acceptable until items naturally need replacing through wear and tear. Once our new supplier is in place, parents / carers can choose to buy items with the new logo. Again, once we have further information regarding our new supplier, including their prices and how to order, we will write to you again.

Advanced Notice of Changes

As of September 2025, we will not differentiate between a summer and winter uniform. We will have one uniform for the full academic year. This is due to government guidance which limits schools to a maximum of four items of branded / bespoke uniform. Our school uniform will be:

- A white shirt (which can be purchased from any shop, as you do now)
- Black trousers (which can be purchased from any shop, as you do now)
- A Longfield tie (bought from our uniform supplier)
- A V-Neck Longfield jumper (bought from our uniform supplier)

PE Kit

The PE short-sleeved T-shirt and long-sleeved jacket / top will also be replaced under the new supplier with a new design, colour and the new logo. As with the school uniform, PE kit with the old logo can still be worn. Again, it will be phased out.

Sensory Issues

If your child has a diagnosed sensory issue and cannot wear a shirt and tie, we will offer a reasonable adjustment which enables you to purchase a white, embroidered polo shirt. This will be the branded item instead of the tie. Blue polo shirts will be acceptable until 24th of October 2025.

Should you have any queries, please contact us via <u>enquires@longfield.nalp.org.uk</u> or by telephone on T: 01325 380815

As mentioned above, we will write to you again once we have news regarding the availability of uniform and the new supplier.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Sweeten Headteacher