Lochaber High School Uniform Policy

Our Ethos: High Standards, Equity, and Respect for Education

At Lochaber High School, we believe that our uniform plays a vital role in promoting a culture of high standards, equity, and respect for education. Our uniform policy ensures that all students are treated equally, it fosters a sense of belonging and helps maintain a focused learning environment.

Why is School Uniform Important?

- **Equity** – Wearing a uniform ensures that all students, regardless of background, are treated equally, reducing social pressures linked to fashion and personal attire.
- **Discipline** – Adhering to a dress code promotes self-discipline, instilling a sense of responsibility and respect for school rules.
- **Safety** – Uniforms make it easier to identify students and unauthorised visitors, contributing to a safer school environment.
- **Focus on Learning** – By eliminating distractions related to clothing choices, students can better focus on their education.
- **Cost-Effective** – Uniforms reduce the financial burden on families by removing the need for expensive or trendy clothing.
- **School Pride** – Uniforms foster school spirit and a sense of belonging among students.
- **Minimising Bullying** – A standardised dress code helps prevent bullying based on clothing choices.
- **Professionalism** – Wearing a uniform prepares students for the expectations of the workplace, where dress codes are common.

Uniform Expectations

All pupils attending Lochaber High School are expected to wear the following uniform:

- **Plain white school shirt** (long or short sleeve)
- **School tie** (available for purchase at the school office)
- **Plain black jumper or cardigan** (with or without the school logo)
- **Plain black trousers, jeans, or skirt**
- **Plain black leggings or jeggings** (of suitable thickness to prevent transparency)
- **Plain black shoes or trainers**

Prohibited Items

The following items are **not permitted** as part of the school uniform:

- Ripped jeans
- Jogging bottoms
- See-through leggings or fishnet tights
- Shorts

- Hoodies or tops with prominent logos
- White or coloured trainers
- Clothing, scarves, or badges representing football teams or other organisations, or any form of necklace or neckwear which may pose offence or a safety risk.

Additional Notes:

- All pupils must remove outdoor clothing (jackets, scarves, gloves, etc.) while in class.
- Any visible item of clothing not explicitly mentioned in the uniform policy may be deemed inappropriate by staff and must be removed if requested.

Where to Buy the Uniform

Lochaber High School does not require purchases from any specific supplier, however, for convenience, the following options are available:

- **School Wear Made Easy** stocks crested jumpers and cardigans.
- Uniform items can be ordered for collection from the local **M&S store**.
- Non-logo items (trousers, skirts, shirts, jumpers, and cardigans) are available from major retailers, including **Tesco, Asda, and M&S**.
- **School ties** (black and red) can be purchased from the school office for **£4.00**.
- **S6 prefects** who successfully attain their role will receive a **black and white tie free of charge**.

Labelling and Lost Property

To prevent loss, it is strongly recommended that all school uniform items are labelled with the pupil's name. **Iron-on name tags** can be ordered from Gilmour Sports or other online suppliers.

By following this uniform policy, we ensure that Lochaber High School remains a place of respect, equality, and academic excellence.