

UNIFORM POLICY

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Uniform Policy

School uniform gives students a sense of community and helps to instil pride in the school. It contributes to our ethos and sets an appropriate tone, supporting positive behaviour and discipline. A uniform supports students' in learning how to dress appropriately to the context in which they work. Our uniform has been developed in consultation with students, parents, coaches, governors, and the local community.

Aims

The LeAF Studio school uniform policy is based on the notion that the school uniform should:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school and the collective identity of the student body
- Be appropriate to the practical nature of our students' specialisms whilst remaining smart
- Ensure students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

Communication with Parents

This policy is available on the school website. Prospective parents are sent clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child.

Equal Opportunities

We will seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect the requirements of different religious faiths with regard to acceptable variations of the school uniform. We are sensitive to and demonstrate a respect for the needs of different cultures, races, and religions.

No free-flowing hijabs / headscarves are allowed. Students wearing hijabs / headscarves should ensure they follow the uniform colour of black. These should be no longer than shoulder length and tight fitting for health and safety purposes.

Health and Safety

Any religious variations to our uniform must still comply with our Health and Safety requirements.

To promote a healthy lifestyle, our uniform does not preclude walking or cycling to school. Students are permitted to wear light colours and reflective materials over their uniform, so that students are as visible as possible when walking or cycling to school during the winter months.

Procedure in the event of non-compliance

Non-compliance with the uniform policy is dealt with directly case by case. We may impose sanctions for breach of the uniform policy. Persistent flouting of the uniform requirements will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter by the Tutor / Head of Year / Head of Specialism / Vice Principal (Inclusion).

We may confiscate clothing not complying with the uniform policy. Where items are confiscated more than once, the parent will be expected to collect.

LeAF Studio has the right to send a student home to change their clothes immediately should it be deemed necessary. In such cases, parents will be notified. Staff will always take into consideration the age and vulnerability of the child and availability of a parent. Exclusion is not usually an appropriate response to breaches of this policy, however consistent persistence and defiance of the policy may lead to a fixed term exclusion.

Uniform Description

School uniform must be worn by students in years 9 to 13 whenever they are on site at LeAF Studio. This includes the journey to and from school and on school visits as required.

- Hair styles should be neat and simple, avoiding extremes of fashion.
- A wristwatch may be worn
- A single, plain gold or silver stud in each ear lobe.

- No other jewellery is permitted except a discreet (silver or gold) religious symbol on a silver or gold chain. For health and safety reasons these must be removed prior to any practical training activity.
- Only plain coats or LeAF Studio identified outer clothing identified on our uniform website to be worn over the uniform. These are to be removed before entering lesson.
- No personal hoodies or other sporting tops / jackets other than those identified on our uniform website or plain black hoodies are allowed. These will be confiscated.
- No training uniform / dancewear to be worn outside of lessons

Key Stage 4 Uniform – expected to be worn at all times outside of training

All items marked with an * should be purchased from www.leafstudioshop.co.uk for all academic lessons

- Athlete academic polo shirt *
- Stage academic polo shirt (Dance runway – see below for details)
- Libero Tracksuit trousers *, Nike technical pant *, sweat pant trousers (cuffed or uncuffed) * or plain / unbranded black tracksuit trousers / Nike / plain thick black leggings
- LeAF Athlete Hooded Sweatshirt * or unbranded plain black Sweatshirt
- LeAF Stage hoodie jumper / sweatshirt (from LeAF direct, see below for details)

Athlete Academy

Sports training kit – **not to be worn other than for training sessions**

- Athlete training t-shirt *
- Athlete training shorts * or Filament tights *
- Core Compression top * or plain black compression top may be worn under training t-shirt *

Strength & conditioning kit – **not to be worn other than for S&C training sessions**

- Athlete training t-shirt *
- Athlete training shorts *
- Core Compression top * or plain black compression top may be worn under training t-shirt *

Stage and Screen

Stage & Screen training kit – **not to be worn other than for training sessions**

All dance clothing to be purchased from Dance Runway unless otherwise specified * except for hoodies / sweatshirts / training t-shirts, these are purchased direct from LeAF Studio School, please boxoffice@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk for further details.

Key Stage 5 Uniform

Details sent out at time of application.

Uniform Ordering Information

To order LeAF uniform identified within our policy, please visit: www.leafstudioshop.co.uk

For specialist dancewear identified within our policy, please contact Dance Runway to book an appointment: <https://www.dancerunway.com/contact>

Marking of Property

All clothing and equipment should be clearly marked. This is particularly important for valuable items.

The school accepts no responsibility for loss of uniform or personal belongings whilst on site or at a school event.