



LINCOLN
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Ref: **Academy Uniform September 2025 – School Shoes**

21st July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our improvements to Academy Uniform we would like to support parents and carers in having a clear understanding of how to interpret our uniform policy when it comes to school shoes. With the rest of our school uniform there is certainty and security in buying from Uniform Direct and from school uniform sections of supermarkets and clothing retailers.

Unfortunately, what we see is that what retailers sell as a school shoes does not meet our Academy uniform expectations. Equally, some students attempt to wear footwear which is clearly a sports trainer rather than a shoe suitable for school. Shoes are expensive items and therefore we wish to support parents and carers in making a choice in line with our uniform policy.

Our Academy uniform policy states that shoes should be,

'All black, plain and leather / polishable. Safe grips for a busy academy environment and of a sturdy construction.'

Based on this I have used images from a well-known High Street retailer to identify what is acceptable and unacceptable in terms of our Academy policy. Please note that we have not included any shoes which have anything other than a full black colouring as the expectation is clear that shoes must be all black.



Acceptable. It is all black, plain, leather and of a study construction.



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Unacceptable. It is all black, plain, but not all leather / polishable and is a sports trainer.



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Please make contact with the Academy if you should require any advice with your child's school shoes for September. Equally, please understand that we expect students to be in school shoes all year round. We understand that there may be short periods of time where due to unforeseen circumstances new shoes need to be purchased at short notice. Please plan for your child to have a suitable pair of school shoes for all 39 weeks of the academic year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Whitaker', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr M Whitaker
Headteacher

