



# Lister Community School

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Dear Lister Community,

It is a pleasure to be writing to you as the permanent headteacher of Lister Community School, having been appointed on February 2nd of this year.

It has been good to meet pupils, parents and carers at the great range of events we have had this year - plays, concerts, options events, parents' evenings and the forthcoming Iftar.

## Improvements made at Lister Community School this half-term

We are working hard to make Lister an excellent school again, in which all pupils enjoy their learning and achieve well, behave safely and considerately, and take responsibility for themselves. This is important both in school and in the local community, where our pupils are highly visible.

I am pleased to say that there is a perceptible change in the school. Pupils are looking smarter. Numbers of praises have risen as pupils work to meet the Lister Expects standards. We are still working towards our 10:1 praise:concern ratio, but it is moving in the right direction.

There is a lot of work still to do, however. Please find below the uniform policy. Please support the school and your child by sending them in dressed smartly.

We need to continue to improve our uniform. Please go through this with your child.

- Pupils will be asked to remove all jewellery except for small stud earrings.
- We do NOT permit pupils to wear face coverings, except for a medical mask.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear an abaya instead of uniform.
- Skirts must be of at least knee length.
- Acrylic nails and nail varnish must not be worn, so please plan for this to be addressed before the start of term.

Please also note that pupils who bring mobile phones to school must ensure they are turned off and left in bags (not pockets).

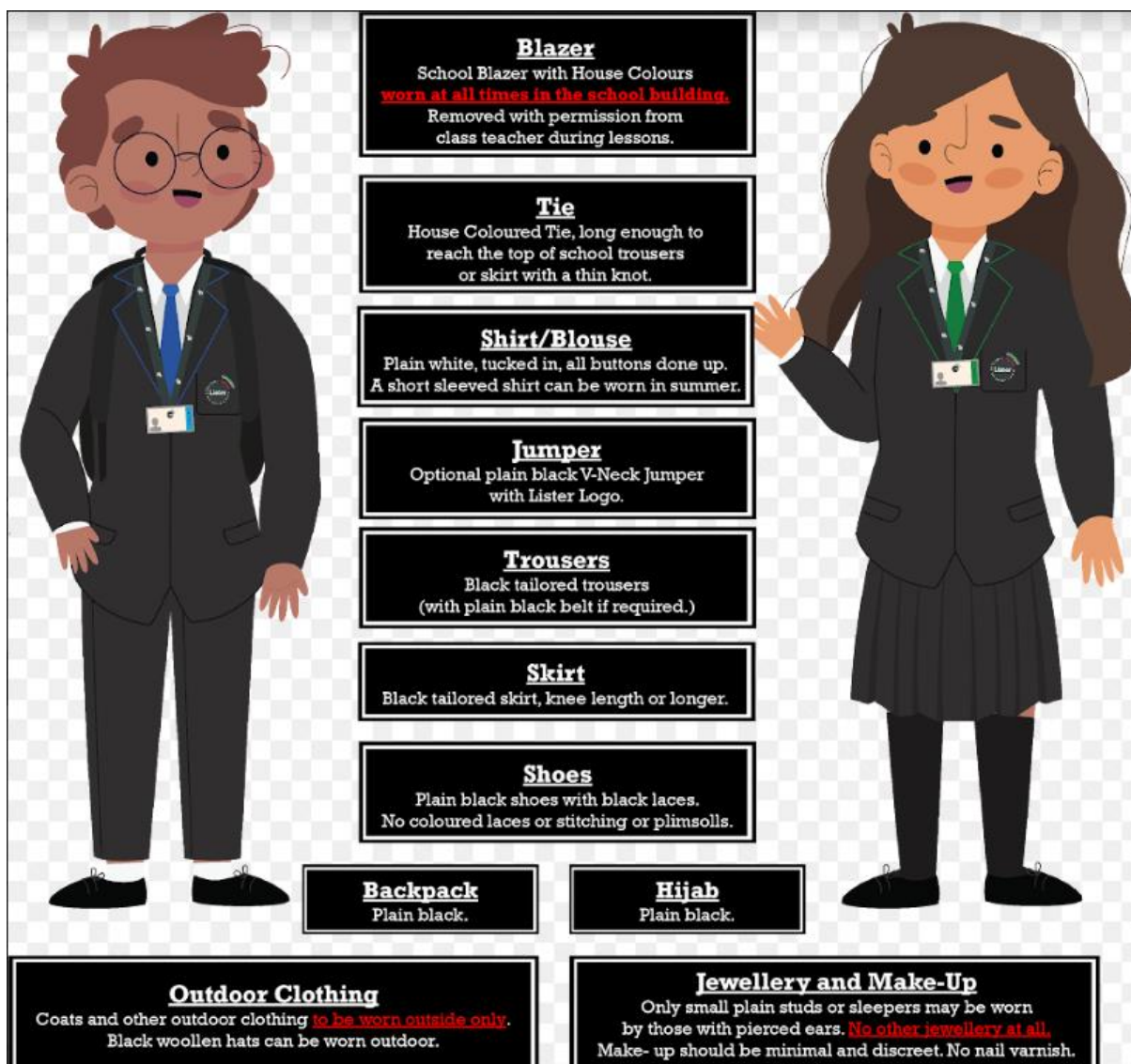
Pupils should not bring gum into school or chew it when they are here.

For classrooms where everyone can learn



**Lister expects you to:**

Always Aim for Excellence	Be Kind, Polite and Considerate	Take Responsibility - No Excuses
Get out the equipment that you need for this lesson	Greet your teacher at the door and start the 'Do Now' activity	Arrive on time and in perfect uniform
Allow others to speak - track the speaker silently	Speak politely, clearly and respectfully	Follow instructions the first time
Keep books and classroom free from graffiti and litter	Follow the 'No Hands' rule	Pack up and be ready to leave in silence



As a school, we need to improve behaviour in three key areas:

**1. PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL AND LESSONS;**

**2. SENSIBLE AND CONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR AROUND THE SCHOOL AND IN THE PLAYGROUND.**

In particular, we ask pupils:

- Not to gather in large groups;
- to follow staff instructions politely and first time, especially when these are related to safety;
- To treat the school with care - eg: leaving toilets in a good state of cleanliness, leaving classrooms tidy, and not causing unnecessary damage;
- To remember that we have a no hands rule;
- Play safely on the MUGA: please do not interfere with other pupils' games or boot their balls away.

**3. NO INTERRUPTIONS TO LEARNING.**

All this matters because we want all our pupils to be able to learn well in a safe space, and not have their learning disrupted by others.

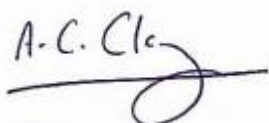
Our teachers and subject leaders are working hard to ensure that lessons are engaging and purposeful so that pupils consistently enjoy their learning. As behaviour improves, we will also be able to see more trips and visits taking place.

Recent challenges have included high levels of staff absence. Although we always work hard to ensure that lessons are of high quality, whoever is teaching the class, we know this has been an issue. We are trying to support our staff to reduce absence and ensure that pupils do not have lessons taught by supply staff. We are hopeful of continuing to improve in this area.

Lister continues to receive high levels of support from the Newham Community Learning Trust to further improve standards. Feedback from our families is very important. We do currently have a vacancy for a parent or carer on our Governing Body. If you follow this [link](#), you will find details about the role and how to apply. As Lister continues its journey to excellence, we would welcome more parents and carers to help us reflect on what needs doing and inspire us on our way.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work to make Lister an excellent school in which all our pupils are supported to aim for excellence, behave in a kind, polite and considerate way, and take responsibility for themselves without excuses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.C. Clay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Alice Clay  
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