

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)--OLMC Uniform

## Why did we get a new uniform this year?

I decided to move to a new uniform this year because Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School have adopted a new logo. Our new logoed items like the sweatshirt, the junior high fleeces, and the sweater vests will now reflect our new branding.

As I was preparing for the switch to Lands' End, I kept in mind the feedback OLMC parents gave me last year through the Uniform survey I sent out in the fall 2018 Messages from the Mount. I wanted to especially be mindful of the financial component for parents, and I honored parent requests to keep the costs down by not embroidering our logo on any of the polo shirts, jumpers, skirts, shorts, or pants. I am also allowing for an amnesty year so that the old Risse logoed items (sweater vests, sweatshirts, and fleeces) can be worn for this upcoming school year of 2019-20. The non-logoed plaid items (skirts, jumpers, skorts) can be worn indefinitely as long as I am principal.

## Why Lands' End?

By partnering with Lands' End, we are able to use our SCRIP program and raise more money for the school. Lands' End is very generous in giving our school a 15% rebate when we make purchases with the Lands' End SCRIP card.

## Do I have to buy all of the uniform items from Lands' End?

No, you do not; however, all of the **new logoed items** can only be purchased from Lands' End. This includes the long and short-sleeved sweater vests, sweatshirts, junior high fleeces, and P.E. uniform. Regardless of where you buy your non-logoed uniform items (white shirts, pants, etc.), every uniform purchase must match the dress code guidelines listed in the Family Policy Guide.

## What are the rules regarding last year's uniform and our new Lands' End uniforms?

Our old plaid items such as jumpers, skirts, and skorts can be worn as long as I am principal because it matches the new plaid. In general, I am more interested in matching the plaid than the style; that is why different styles of jumpers and skirts can be worn simultaneously.

## What is new about the uniform requirements for the 2019-20 year?

The only difference in the uniform requirements for the 2019-20 year is the new P.E. uniform that 4-8th graders will wear. This year's P.E. uniform is completely different: it consists of a grey logoed shirt with navy blue shorts.

Every other uniform item from last year (except for P.E.) can be worn again this year as long as it is in good condition and fits the children properly. Guidelines for appropriate fit are listed in the Family Policy Guide. The non-logoed items such as the jumpers, skirts, and skorts and continue to be worn, but the uniform pieces with the old logo (sweatshirts, fleeces, sweater vests) can only be worn for this 2019-20. Starting in August 2020, the old logoed items cannot be worn.

## What are the uniform guidelines for the 2019-20 year?

The rules are the same as the 2018-19 year, and the Family Policy Guide will reflect these guidelines. Last year's policy guide is posted on the school website for you to view at any time. The 2019-20 Family Policy Guide will be sent to parents early August, but here's a brief summary:

### K-3 Boys need to wear:

1. hemmed navy pants,
2. long/short sleeve solid white knit shirt

**Optional:** logoed uniform sweatshirt, *long-sleeve* navy logoed sweater vest

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: navy shorts

**K-3 Girls need to wear:**

1. plaid jumper,
2. long/short sleeve solid white knit shirt, **or** white blouse with a Peter Pan collar

**Optional:** logoed uniform sweatshirt, navy logoed cardigan sweater

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: old plaid skorts (can no longer be purchased)

**4-6 Boys need to wear:**

1. hemmed navy pants,
2. long/ short sleeve solid white knit shirt, *and either*
3. A logoed long/short sleeve sweater vest **or** a logoed uniform sweatshirt

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: navy shorts

**4-6 Girls need to wear:**

1. plaid skirt
2. long/short sleeve solid white knit shirt, *and either*
3. A logoed long/short sleeve sweater vest **or** a logoed uniform sweatshirt

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: old plaid skorts (can no longer be purchased)

**7-8 Boys need to wear:**

1. hemmed navy pants,
2. long/short sleeve solid white knit shirt, *and either*
3. A logoed long/short sleeve sweater vest **or** a logoed navy fleece pull-over

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: navy shorts

**7-8 Girls need to wear:**

1. Plaid skirt,
2. long/short sleeve solid white knit shirt, *and either*
3. A logoed long/short sleeve sweater vest **or** a logoed navy fleece pull-over

Before Sept. 30 and after April 30: old plaid skorts (can no longer be purchased)

\*The requirements for shoes, hair, socks, etc., will stay the same as last year's. Please refer to the Family Policy Guide for further details.

**What will be the new uniform rules for the next 2020-21 year?**

Starting in August 2020, the old logoed items (old sweater vests, fleeces, sweatshirts) will not be worn. In August 2020, the only logoed uniform items the students can wear will come from Lands' End.

**I noticed that there are some new items offered on the Lands' End dress code checklist. Are they necessary for purchase?**

New items that are being introduced this year are not mandated, but they are offered to parents who might be interested in them. I took into consideration feedback from last year's parent uniform survey and therefore added optional items like new cardigans for K-3 girls, new long-sleeved sweater vests for K-3 boys, and new long-sleeved sweater vests for 4-8th grade students to keep the students warmer. The cardigans and the long-sleeve sweater vests will be logoed. Again, these are all optional purchases.

### **What is new about the P.E. uniform?**

This new P.E. uniform will have a grey shirt embroidered with our new Church and school logo as well as navy shorts. This uniform must be purchased through Lands' End. 8th graders are the only students that are allowed to wear last year's P.E. uniform with the yellow shirt and royal blue shorts.

### **Why did the P.E. uniform change?**

The new P.E. uniform was updated to reflect the most current Church/school logo, and the navy shorts reflect the navy color of our new logo.

### **In what circumstances is the purchase of the new P.E. uniform optional?**

This purchase of the new grey uniform shirt and navy shorts is optional **only for 8th graders this year**. I didn't think a purchase of a new P.E. uniform was necessary for a class of students that would only be wearing it for a year. Parents of 8th graders, however, are welcome to purchase the new uniform for their 8th graders to wear this year. During the 2020-21 academic year, every 4-8th grader will be wearing the new P.E. uniform without exceptions.

### **What about girls' skorts?**

Unfortunately, Lands' End does not offer the same plaid that matches our school uniforms. However, if girls have kept their skorts from Risse Brothers and they are still in good condition, they are welcome to wear them until Sept. 30 and then again starting on May 1.

### **What are the rules about shorts and skorts?**

Boys can wear navy shorts and girls can wear the old Risse skorts until September 30. The students can wear them once again starting May 1.

### **What are the optional purchases listed on the website?**

The optional purchases consist of:

- lunchboxes
- drawstring P.E. bags
- boys' belts
- socks
- girls' legging
- girls' tights
- girls' navy headbands

None of these above items need to be purchased from Lands' End. You can purchase them from any store.

### **Why are optional purchases listed on the website?**

There are two reasons I decided to add some optional school purchases:

1. Parents could take advantage of a "one-stop-shopping" opportunity through our Lands' End website. They can now purchase the necessary uniform items as well as the extras like belts, headbands, leggings, tights, socks, backpacks, P.E. bags, lunch boxes, etc. all at the same time and keep their purchases under one bill.
2. We can increase our SCRIP funds when we make additional purchases from our website. If parents are interested in these extra items and they buy it straight from our personalized website, then the school would get a 15% percentage back from these sales.

**What will happen to uniform items that have the old logos on them?**

Items embroidered with our old logo such as junior high fleeces, sweatshirts, sweater vests can be worn inclusively for the 2019-20 year. After this amnesty year is over, I would be interested in donating these logoed items to a poor Catholic school that would accept these items. In order to do so, however, I will need a few parents to help this year in researching such opportunities. If you are interested and would be willing to be of assistance in this matter, please send me an email. Thank you!

**What about this year's Used Uniform Sales?**

The Used Uniform Sales will resume as usual, except that we will not be selling our old P.E. uniforms. The sale of the old logoed items will slow down after Christmas break since no student will be wearing those items for the 2020-21 year. However, non-logoed items such as white shirts, pants, jumpers, skirts, and skorts can still be sold at the same rate at the Uniform Sales as last year. These non-logoed items can continue to be worn for the 2020-21 academic year.

**How can I be notified of Lands' End sales?**

Throughout the summer, Lands' End will be running many sales. Sign up here to receive these notifications: <https://www.landsend.com/co/Newsletter>. Our OLMC preferred number is 900134263.