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# School Uniform

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### 1. Rationale

- 1.1 In today's society students of Chew Valley School will encounter difference and diversity. Understanding acceptable standards of dress and dress codes is one way in which a school can help to prepare students for the world of business that they will enter after school.

Another excellent reason to have a school uniform is to promote a sense of community cohesion and to ensure that all students wear our uniform with pride.

The Governors are keen to ensure that students wear the correct uniform and that high standards of dress are maintained. They will give their full support to staff in their efforts to enforce the governors' uniform regulations.

The School is committed to ensuring that the uniform it sets is affordable, reasonable and fair, and that two suppliers are available to parents.

### 2. Definitions

- 2.1 Students are expected to wear the following:
- Plain dark grey or black tailored trousers (no jeans, denims, corduroy patterns or 'tight fit' styles)
  - White polo shirt with school crest (plain white polo shirt with collar can be worn but **only** under school sweatshirt)
  - Plain black flat shoes - no trainers, boots, canvas or backless shoes. All shoes should adequately cover the foot for safety reasons.
  - Black or dark grey plain skirts may be worn. These skirts should not be 'tight fit' styles and must be knee length. Plain grey or black tights can be worn with these skirts.
  - Sweatshirts should be worn; these are bottle green with the school crest for Years 7 to 9. For Years 10 and 11 sweatshirts are black with the school crest. Fashion tops (leather jackets, tracksuit tops, knitwear or hoodies) must not be substituted for school sweatshirts. Hoodies are not welcome in school.
- 2.2 Students are expected to wear the following PE kit:

Polo shirt with School Crest (House Colour)  
Plain black shorts (girls may also choose a plain black skort)  
Boys must also have a reversible black and green rugby shirt with School Crest  
Long football/ rugby or hockey socks  
Football/ Rugby/ Hockey boots  
Trainers

Optional:  
For girls, a PE sweatshirt with School Crest  
In winter, outside tracksuit bottoms may also be worn

#### **Bladed boots are not allowed in School.**

All school uniform is expected to be labelled adequately to aid return if lost.  
The School website provides some useful pictures of acceptable uniform to aid parents in their choices, rather than simply relying on "School Wear" sections of high street shops.

### 2.3 Sixth form dress code:

Students need to recognise school as a place of work and preparation for the working environment, and one that has a place in the wider community, therefore, a dress code is expected as in most places of professional work. The current dress code expects students to be clean, smart and tidy.

### 3. Other Uniform and Dress Code Items:

No make-up is to be worn in the lower school (Years 7-9) and only subtle or light make-up is expected in the upper school (Years 10 and 11).

No jewellery should be worn other than a watch and no more than 1 stud or plain sleeper in each ear. Flesh tunnels or similar items are not allowed. No rings are acceptable in school.

No nose, eyebrow, tongue or face piercings of any kind are allowed. If students have already had these piercing they are expected to be taken out completely.

Extreme hairstyles are not allowed, this includes sections of bleached hair and hair dye using unnatural colours. Parents and students should check with Heads of Year should there be any doubt when considering such a style.

The Headteacher will enforce the Governors' policy on uniform and appearance. Breaches of uniform standards will be addressed on the day with an immediate detention, therefore when parents know of breaches a letter or note is needed to explain the reasons for this breach. Where appropriate, a student may be sent to the Exclusion Room to work. A Fixed Term Exclusion might be appropriate where breaches of the uniform and appearance policy is persistent and defiant.

### 4. Review of Uniform:

The School will review its uniform regular but in consultation with all stakeholders. Changes to uniform will be agreed with a representative group of parents, such as the School Society, and in consultation with young people.

Committee: Curriculum and Pupils

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