



## School Uniform Policy

We believe a smart uniform worn by all pupils builds a sense of identity and belonging to the school community. We are proud of our school and strongly believe our school uniform, worn correctly, helps to reinforce our core values and instil a sense of pride in ourselves and our environment. It is important that we have a uniform so that pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and recognise that we value all pupils. Pupils represent themselves and us outside of the school and are expected to maintain high standards whenever the uniform is worn, including travelling to and from school.

**Parents and pupils are reminded that it is a condition of entry to the school that the school uniform regulations are adhered to at all times. In choosing to send your child to the school, you are agreeing to the terms set out in this policy.** Pupils who arrive at school improperly dressed and without a parental note of explanation may be sent home to change. If failure to adhere to the uniform policy is persistent, consequences such as removal from lessons or fixed term exclusion may be issued until the issue is addressed.

A school uniform promotes cohesion and a sense of purpose in school. It also allows the school to take measures against certain Health and Safety, and security, requirements. Please be aware that Churnet View Middle School will always try to balance the rights of individual pupils with the best interests of the school community as a whole.

Parents are required to ensure that their children arrive at school with the correct equipment each day. Daily equipment checks will be carried out by form tutors to ensure pupils are fully prepared for their lessons. An essential equipment list is detailed below.

### **Children are asked to wear:**

A new school uniform was introduced in September 2017. The table below details the compulsory and optional items for 2020/21.

### **Compulsory Uniform Items:**

- School embroidered blazer in boys or girls fit
- White shirt - long or short sleeve
- Black school trousers or *pleated* school skirt **(Note: pleated style only from September 2020)**
- Clip on school tie
- Black school shoes
- Black socks or tights
- Embroidered logo School PE polo top
- Embroidered logo school PE Shorts
- Embroidered logo school rugby top
- Navy PE socks

### **Optional Uniform Items:**

- Royal blue V-neck sweater
- Embroidered logo School PE skort
- Black running tights – boys and girls to be **worn under shorts / skort only.**

We will also be introducing ***tailored school shorts*** as an additional option for all pupils should your child want to wear them to be more comfortable during the Summer months. The school will communicate to parents/carers when this is possible. These shorts must be black, tailored and be no more than 10cm/ 4 inches above the knee. The shorts **MUST NOT** be made from denim, lycra or jersey material.

### **Shoes:**

- Canvas, backless or open-toed shoes **are not** allowed
- High heels and stilettos are dangerous and **are not** allowed
- Boots and trainers **are not** allowed
- Steel toe capped boots or shoes **are not** allowed
- Shoes must be **plain black** with no coloured areas. If soft leather, lace-up shoes are worn, **they cannot** be branded or trainers
- See our School Uniform Guide on the website for photos of acceptable shoe styles  
<https://cvm.tlbt.org.uk/policies/churnet-view-policies/>

### **Trousers:**

- Trousers must be formal school style and not skin tight. No jean or stretch legging styles are allowed
- See our School Uniform Guide on the website for photos of acceptable trouser styles  
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### **Skirts:**

- Skirts must be a plain black **pleated** style only and sit smartly on the waist.
- Skirts to be either just on, above or below the knee.
- Denim, Cord, Canvas and Lycra garments are not acceptable.
- Mini skirts or skirts with high slit are not allowed.
- The style must be appropriate for a range of school activities i.e. not tight or fitted.
- See our School Uniform Guide on the website. <https://cvm.tlbt.org.uk/policies/churnet-view-policies/>

### **Socks and tights:**

- Black only

### **Coats:**

- During the colder months, we ask parents/carers to encourage their child to wear a coat to school so they do not get cold or wet. This will allow them to have a positive start to the day. Hoodies are not an acceptable alternative to a coat
- Hoodies/tracksuit tops **must not** be brought into or worn in school and will be confiscated for parental collection

### **Hair:**

- Long hair should be tidy and tied back
- No shaven heads or 'extreme' hairstyles such as tramlines
- Hair should be kept clean and tidy and not be brightly coloured
- Hair extensions are not permitted
- Hair should not be styled into excessive styles such as mohicans or spikes
- No patterns, steps or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or eyebrows
- Hair should not be shaved below a number 2
- Hair ornaments should not be worn
- Hair bands should be dark and in school uniform colours
- There should be no unnatural hair colour

Any hairstyle which does not conform to the policy will only be permitted if the pupil and his or her family, persuade the school that there is a genuine particular requirement based on ethnicity, religion or medical grounds. The grounds for such an exception would have to be established (in discussion with the Headteacher) that the ability to conform to the policy would be regarded as impossible.

### **Other:**

- Make up, nail varnish, false nails and hair gel are not permitted
- The only badges allowed are official school badges
- No jewellery is allowed except a watch worn in school at the pupil's own risk
- The school does not allow any earrings of any kind for health and safety reasons. No other body piercing is considered acceptable for children within this age range
- Chewing gum is not allowed in school

### **Wearing the Uniform**

- Shirts will need to be tucked in at all times
- Pupils must make sure that their top button is fastened and they are wearing their tie.
- Where applicable, pupils will wear their blazers in and around school and only take them off when given permission to do so by their teacher.
- All items of uniform should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- The decision about what is and is not acceptable will always remain with the school.

### **Children are required to bring the following equipment to school each day:**

#### **Essential equipment:**

- Pencil case (pencils cases containing all highlighted equipment\* below are available to purchase from the school. Individual items are also available).
- Pen blue or black\*
- Green pen\*
- Pencil\*
- Rubber\*
- Ruler\*
- Protractor\*
- Highlighter\*
- Glue stick\*
- Small selection of coloured pens/pencils

- An appropriate reading book for your child's age and ability
- A5 hardback wire bound notebook (available to purchase from the school)
- A4 ziplock plastic wallet to transport homework and reading books to and from school inside school bags
- Leak proof water bottle (available to purchase from the school)

**Mobile phones:**

- We understand that some parents prefer their child to carry a mobile phone with them in case of emergencies. Pupils are allowed to bring their phones to school for use on their journey to and from school only but must be kept switched off in school bags throughout the school day.
- Please see the school's mobile phone policy for the guidelines and consequences as a result of misuse of mobile or smart devices.
- For safe-keeping, pupils may label their phone with their name and leave at reception every morning and collect at the end of the day
- **ALL VALUABLE ITEMS ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL AT THE PUPILS OWN RISK. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAMAGE OR THEFT OF PERSONAL ITEMS**