



## **School Uniform and Equipment Policy 2023/24**

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/carers and pupils are reminded that it is a condition of entry to the school that the school uniform regulations are followed 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 may be issued until the issue is addressed. Parents/carers will be asked to come in to school to meet and address any ongoing concerns over uniform.

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

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

#### **Compulsory Uniform Items**

- School embroidered blazer in boys or girls fit
- White shirt - long or short sleeve
- Black school trousers or pleated school skirt
- Clip on school tie
- Black school shoes
- Black socks or tights

### **Optional Uniform Items**

- Royal blue V-neck sweater
- Tailored black shorts optional for boys or girls in the summer or warmer months only- **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**
- Churnet View PE hoodie- **to be worn on the days that your child has PE only**

### **PE Kit**

- School embroidered PE polo top
- School embroidered PE Shorts or skort
- School embroidered rugby top
- Plain navy PE socks

### **Optional Uniform Items**

- School embroidered PE skort
- Plain black running tights/tracksuit bottoms – boys and girls
- Black base layer
- School PE hoodie

### **Shoes:**

- Shoes must be plain black with no coloured areas. If soft leather, lace-up shoes are worn, **they must be plain black. Shoes with colours other than black or bright logos are not allowed**
- 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
- Steele toe capped boots or shoes **are not** allowed
- See our School Uniform Guide on the website for photos of acceptable shoe styles  
<https://cvm.ttlit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2020/01/Acceptable-uniform-images.pdf>

### **Trousers:**

- Trousers must be formal school style and not skin tight. **No jeans 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.
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### **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
- There should be no unnatural hair colour
- 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

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
- Sweets, confectionary, fizzy drinks, or energy drinks are not allowed in school. Pupils can bring in snacks as part of a balanced meal, or as a healthy snack
- Any contraband items will be confiscated, and parents/carers asked to retrieve these at the end of the school day

### **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. Once seated in lessons, pupils are able to take blazers off and place them over the back of their chair, if they find it more comfortable to work without them on
- If the weather is warm, the school will notify parents/carers if there is a temporary change to the expectation of wearing a blazer
- 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 (**pencil 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 zip lock 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 and smart devices:**

- 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. **However, mobile phones or any**

**other smart devices must be kept switched off in school bags throughout the school day or left in reception**

- **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 PUPIL'S OWN RISK. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAMAGE OR THEFT OF PERSONAL ITEMS