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# Uniform Policy

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Chew Valley School

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Academic Year 2025-26

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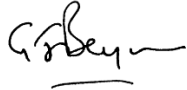
School Policy Approved by Local Governing Body

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- **Rationale**

It is the wish of the majority of parents and teachers that our students should be dressed smartly and in such a way as to be identifiable members of the Chew Valley School community. The smart appearance of our students is a sign that the school is a place of work for students and staff. We are conscious of the very high cost of traditional school uniform and the high cost of providing non-uniform clothes. We are anxious, therefore, to have guidelines for school clothing that are sensible, practical and economical. In line with the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, the school is already fulfilling its duty around three branded uniform items, comprising of the school jumper, school tie and school PE Shirt. The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill will ban schools from requiring parents to buy more than three branded items as part of the school uniform. Secondary and Middle schools will be able to require an additional branded item if one of those items is a branded tie.

These factors have been borne in mind when deciding on the school uniform list below and it is, therefore, hoped and expected that all parents will endeavour to ensure we achieve good standards of dress and tidiness, worthy of our school.

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 and this will be conducted on a daily basis.

Parents and carers should expect to be contacted if uniform expectations are not met.

A small amount of uniform is kept in school to rectify uniform issues and the school reserves the right confiscate uniform items that are not allowed.

- **Where can I purchase the new uniform?**

All items in this brochure that carry the school crest and school ties should be bought from South West Schoolwear, with which Chew Valley School has a direct purchase agreement. The address of the shop is The Warehouse, Willmotts Yard, Southover, BA5 1UH. The link to the online shop is here: [Chew Valley Uniform](#)

Please note that Chew Valley School does not sell any new uniform items. All purchasing is completed outside the school.

If purchasing some items from other suppliers/retailers (e.g. trousers), please follow the guidance contained within this booklet. Prohibited items will be enforced. We appreciate your support in maintaining the highest standards of uniform.

- **Second-Hand Uniform Shop**

Parents and carers can pick up good quality, used uniform at a fraction of the cost of buying it new.

The PTA has set up a second-hand school Uniform Shop. It is held once every half term after school in the Library.

<https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/chew-valley-school-society-pta>

# The Chew Valley School Uniform

- **Jumpers, Ties and Shirts**



Bottle green V-neck jumper with school crest embroidered, can be worn all year round.

**Fashion tops (leather jackets, tracksuit tops, knitwear, or hoodies) must not be substituted for school jumper. No hoodies are allowed in school.**



School House ties to be worn all year round, tied correctly.

**Students will be expected to wear their House tie with a tucked in white shirt if they are not wearing the school jumper.**



Plain white tailored long-sleeved or short-sleeved buttoned up into collar, worn tucked into trousers.

- **Trousers, Skirts and Shorts**

All trousers must be plain black. **NO jeans, denims, corduroy patterns, leggings, sports leggings, or cropped trousers.** The different types of fit are acceptable.

Acceptable trousers styles are explained in the appendix.



All skirts must be plain black. The skirts must be of an appropriate length for a school environment - knee length or longer. **They must not be purposely shortened at any time.**

Students will be challenged on skirt lengths deemed to be inappropriate. Plain black or natural-coloured tights may be worn with these skirts. Acceptable skirt styles can be found in the appendix.



**Shorts must be grey in colour.** The shorts must be of a material equivalent to school trousers. This means shorts will not be any other style, such as chino shorts or sports shorts. They should not contain any branding. This is explained further in the appendix.



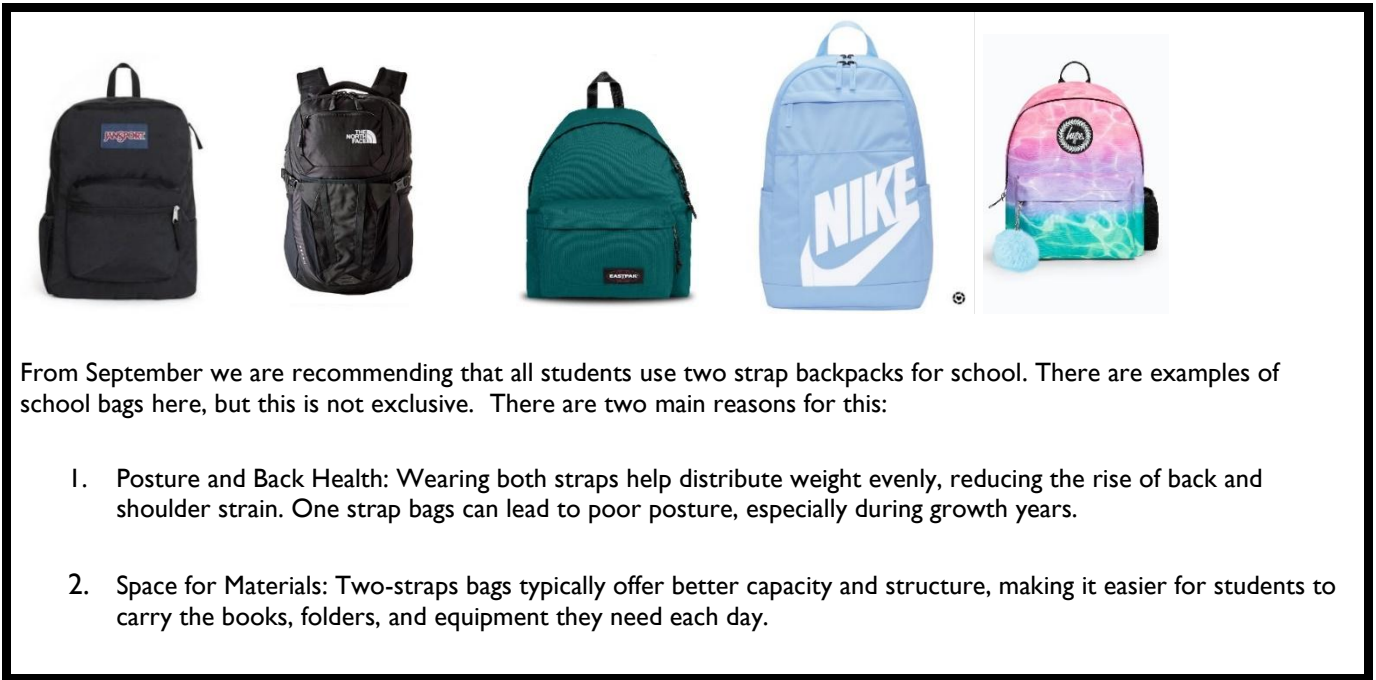
- **Shoes**



Plain black flat shoes – **NO trainers or 'skate' shoe styles, ballet pumps, canvas (including hi-tops) or backless shoes.** They must be all black, with no branding/logos, leather/leather look, durable and fitted. All shoes should adequately cover the foot for safety reasons. We allow Nike Airforce shoes to be worn, but the silver tags must be removed.

Acceptable shoe styles can be found in the appendix.

- **School Bag – ‘Two Straps’**



From September we are recommending that all students use two strap backpacks for school. There are examples of school bags here, but this is not exclusive. There are two main reasons for this:

1. **Posture and Back Health:** Wearing both straps help distribute weight evenly, reducing the rise of back and shoulder strain. One strap bags can lead to poor posture, especially during growth years.
2. **Space for Materials:** Two-strap bags typically offer better capacity and structure, making it easier for students to carry the books, folders, and equipment they need each day.

- **Outdoor Coat**

No uniform coat is prescribed, but should be predominantly one colour (black, grey, or navy is preferred.) They should be plain in style and not made from denim or leather material. Coats may be worn as additional items of clothing – not instead of the school jumper. Hoodies are not to be worn under any circumstances.

- **Make Up**

Discreet make up may be worn.

- **Extreme Weather**

We will communicate adaptations and recommendations to uniform when there is extreme weather via Class Charts. If such weather events do occur, this will also link to adapted working and social time arrangements within school.

- **Jewellery**

No jewellery is to be worn other than watches. Smart watches can be worn, but without the functionality of being linked to mobile devices. There must be no more than one studded earring in each ear and no other piercings are allowed. This also includes nose piercings, which are prohibited for clear health and safety reasons and will result in non-participation in physical education lessons and consequences logged.

- **Nails**

Nails must be natural and not false. Nails should not be coloured with nail varnish and be of appropriate length.

- **Hair styles**

Extreme hair styles and colours are not allowed. If you are unsure, please contact the Head of House for your child prior to making any decision about a haircut that might go against our expectations.

- **Non-Compliance**

The Headteacher will enforce the Governors’ policy on uniform and appearance. The in-school response to uniform issues can be located in the Behaviour Policy.

- **The Halo Code**

Chew Valley School proudly endorses the Halo Code:

## Halo Code



The Halo Code explicitly protects students and staff who come to school with natural hair and protective hairstyles associated with their racial, ethnic, and cultural identities

Halo is an alliance of organisations and individuals working to create a future without hair discrimination, founded by young Black organisers from The Advocacy Academy.

Race-based hair discrimination has been illegal in the UK since the Equalities Act became law in 2010, and yet it still happens all the time. For too long, Black people have been told that our hair textures and hairstyles are inappropriate, unattractive, and unprofessional. We've been suspended from school, held back in our careers, and made to feel inferior by racist policies and attitudes.

**58%**

of Black students experience name calling or uncomfortable questions about their hair at school

**1 in 4**

Black adults had a negative experience at school in relation to their hair texture.

**46%**

of parents say their children's school policy penalised Afro hair.

**1 in 5**

Black women feel societal pressure to straighten their hair for work.

More than ever, Black people are asserting autonomy over our hairstyling decisions, reconnecting with our heritage, and reclaiming what it means to be beautiful. But Black hair still remains a battleground in the UK, with instances of unfair treatment in schools, in workplaces, and on the street. Together, it's time to end hair discrimination for good.

# Physical Education and Extra Curricular kit

## Permitted Items

Students must bring the full, correct kit to every PE lesson and be prepared to participate in the lesson to the best of their ability. In cases of injury/illness, where a student may not be able to fulfil their role as a performer they will be expected to assist in the lesson with alternative activities such as officiating, coaching, and leading.

### **Kit**

House Polo shirt (V-neck or buttoned), black with School Crest and House colour side panel. \*



Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, sports leggings or skorts.



Long green with black trim socks for hockey, football and rugby.

House sweatshirt, black with school crest with House colour side panel. \*



### **OR**

Green Rugby/Football shirt with school crest (black reverse). \* Please note that if your child wishes to do rugby or football in lessons and for the school team this item should be chosen over the sweatshirt





### Trainers

These should be sports trainers and not those worn as school shoes.

### Football/Rugby Boots

Not required for Year 7 PE lesson but will be needed if your child wishes to play rugby or football for the school and from Year 8 onwards where they have chosen football or rugby as part of their curriculum.

Protective equipment such as shin pads and gum shields are recommended for some activities e.g. Hockey, Rugby, and Football.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your name and tutor group.

# Appendix: Acceptable Uniform Styles



# Examples of Permitted Shoes

Examples of shoes that are acceptable and suitable to wear with the school uniform.

These shoes are smart and offer protection against bad weather and spillages. They also conform to health and safety standards for general school use.

Nike Air Force trainers must have tags removed.

Please note: Black soled trainers are not permitted for PE and students are expected to wear shoes rather than boots.



# Examples of Prohibited Shoes

Examples of shoes that are unacceptable styles and must not be worn. However, please note that as fashions change quickly, this gallery may not show all pictures of prohibited items.

Inappropriate footwear relates to black or dark trainers with logos, thin ballet pumps and canvas daps or boots. Logos are not allowed as this puts pressure on other students to purchase expensive footwear.

They are impractical for school use as they get easily spoiled by wet weather and other spillages. They can also fall off students' feet when worn. They do not conform to basic health and safety standards.



# Examples of Permitted Trousers/Skirts



**Boot  
Legged  
Trousers**



**Straight  
Legged  
Trousers**



**Skinny  
Fit  
Trousers**



**Slim Fit  
Trousers**



Plain black school skirts are only allowed – but the following styles are acceptable:

The expected length for these are knee length or longer.

- Pleated
- Skater
- A Line
- Longer styles

# Examples of Prohibited Trousers/Skirts

The following items are an indicative gallery of prohibited items. They are not appropriate for school wear and must not be worn.

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**Jeans**

**Leggings/Jeggings**

**Baggy Trousers**

**Chinos/Jeans**



**Sports leggings**



**Skirts that are considered to be too short will be challenged and consequences will be given**

# Acceptable short styles at Chew Valley School

Shorts must be grey in colour. The shorts must be of a material equivalent to school trousers. This means shorts will not be any other style, such as chino shorts or sports shorts. They should not contain any branding and should be ideally purchased from an affordable retailer. We are aware that school shorts become slightly more difficult to buy for boys but have included links that do cater over the age of 14.

The following links are examples of shorts from affordable retailers that are appropriate within the description above:

[M&S Grey Shorts - Boys](#)

[M&S Grey Shorts - Girls \(up to age 16\)](#)

[M&S Grey Shorts - Girls \(up to age 16\)](#)

[Next Grey Shorts - Boys](#)

[Next Grey Shorts - Girls](#)

[Sainsbury's Grey Shorts – Boys](#)

[John Lewis Grey Shorts - Girls](#)

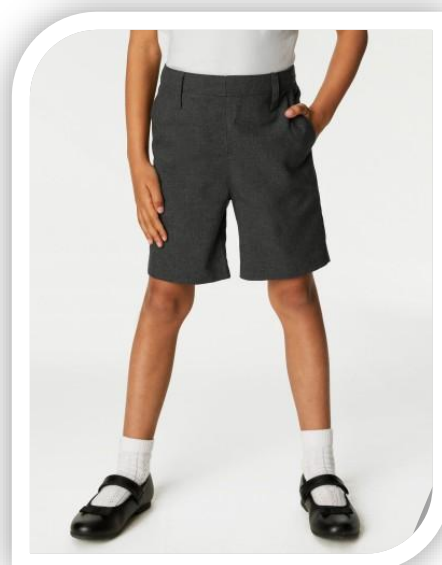
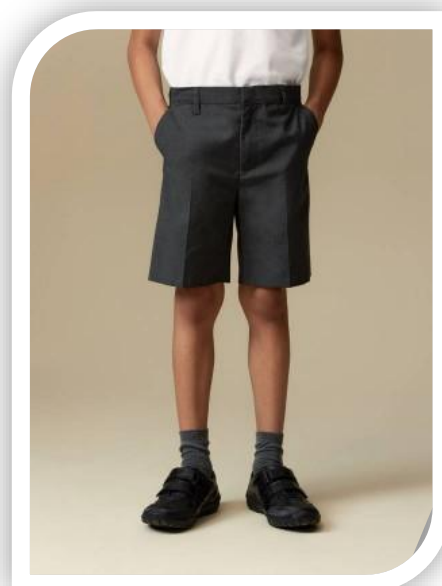
[Asda Grey Shorts - Boys](#)

[Asda Grey Shorts - Girls](#)

[Amazon Grey Shorts - Boys \(up to age 16\)](#)

[School Uniform 247 Grey Shorts - \(up to age 16\)](#)

[South WestSchoolwear - up to 38 inch waist](#)



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The following links are examples of skirts from affordable retailers that are appropriate within the description above:

[M&S Girls' Slim Fit Permanent Pleats School Skirt](#)

[M&S Skater Skirts](#)

[Trutex Black 18" Stitch Down Permanent Pleats School Skirt](#)

[Asda Black Skater Girls School Skirt](#)

[John Lewis Girls' Adjustable Waist Panel Pleated School Skirt](#)

[F&F School Girls 2-Pack Cotton Rich Skater Skirts in Black](#)

[F&F School Girls 2-Pack Pleated Kilt Skirts in Black](#)

[Matalan - 2 Pack Girls Black School Long Length Box Pleated Skirts](#)

