



Chosen Hill School

Dress Code Policy

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Dress Code

Chosen Hill School's dress code plays an important part in contributing to the ethos and values of the school and the learning environment. The uniform allows students to identify with the school and demonstrates their pride in being a student at Chosen Hill, both in school and in the community.

Adherence

Parents/ carers are asked to ensure that their child follows the dress code at all times. Whilst wearing Chosen Hill School uniform, students are representing the school in the local community. Any behaviour out of school whilst wearing our uniform, which falls short of our expectations and which brings the school's reputation into disrepute may result in disciplinary action.

Uniform is an important area, which helps to set the standards. The school has a clear dress code, but this does not always ensure that this is worn correctly. Parents/ carers can help the school by checking that your child leaves home wearing the uniform correctly. This includes jewellery.

General Rules:

- The school blazer should be worn at all times. A jumper or cardigan cannot be worn in place of the blazer. During Terms 5 and 6 the blazer can be worn with the school polo shirt.
- All items must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Watches are acceptable but necklaces, bracelets and rings may not be worn.
- Body and face piercings are not allowed.
- A small, plain, single stud earring may be worn in each lobe which must be removed for Physical Education lessons. Ear bars and 'stretchers' are not allowed.
- Moderate, natural looking make-up only.
- No false nails or eyelashes. Nail varnish should be natural looking only.
- Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous – long hair should be tied back during PE or practical lessons.
- No extreme styles or unnatural hair colours are allowed.
- All students must be clean-shaven.
- Coats must be plain. Please note that no other jumpers, cardigans, denim or leather jackets, hoodies or sweatshirts are allowed and will be confiscated on site.
- Hats should not be worn around school.
- T-shirts and vests should not be visible under and hanging below shirts.

Compulsory Uniform Items:

- Standard green blazer with Chosen Hill School badge in white on pocket.
- Black formal school trousers – trouser hems should hang to a length no more than 1cm above the ankle. Reminder: any other trousers are NOT school uniform. This means not jeans, leggings or jeggings, skinny or slim fit i.e. not tight around the ankles. *See Uniform Acceptability Check below.*
- Plain white formal collared work-style long sleeved shirt that must be tucked in. There should not be a gap between the bottom of the shirt and the trousers.
- Standard school tie, with green and silver bands (standard tie knot covering the top shirt button and with 10 or more stripes visible below the knot).
- Socks must be plain black.
- All black formal and professional flat-heeled plain shoe with an instep – these should be of a material that can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, suede/canvas shoes or boots to be worn.

Heels may not be higher than 5cm (2in) for safety reasons on stairs in school. *See Uniform Acceptability Check below.*

Optional Uniform Items:

- Grey plain long-sleeved V-neck jumper or grey long-sleeved cardigan – permitted if worn under blazers (not visible below hem or cuffs or blazer) – optional. No branded logos or pattern.
- Knee length black drop waist pleated skirt with the Chosen Hill School logo below the waist band, (only the skirts approved by the school and provided by our uniform supplier). The skirt should not be shorter than 5cm above the top of the knee or longer when the student is standing. There should not be a gap between the bottom of the shirt and the skirt.
- Black formal tailored school shorts. Reminder: any other shorts are not school uniform.
- Plain white formal short sleeved collared work-style shirt that must be tucked in. There should not be a gap between the bottom of the shirt and the trousers or skirt.
- Plain black or grey tights. White socks over tights are not permitted.
- A functional plain black belt may be worn to hold up the trousers. No wide or fashion belts.
- A white short-sleeved polo shirt with the school logo may be worn without a tie in Terms 5 and 6 only. Polo shirts can be purchased from [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#) who have a store in Cheltenham and Gloucester.

PE Uniform Requirements:

The PE dress code has been reviewed for September 2023. The school has made a number of changes in a move towards gender neutrality. This is still not completely possible, as the school is required to work within the guidance of certain sports governing bodies that continue to require specific equipment and dress codes. The school has changed to darker colours to help maintain the longevity of the PE kit and to keep the cost as low as possible.

Year 7 are required to wear the new PE dress code outlined below. The uniform can be purchase through the school’s uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#)

Years 8-11 can continue to wear their current PE uniform. Parents/carers are asked to replace items of clothing following the new PE dress code when required e.g. to replace wear and tear, a new size is required, a student would prefer the new PE dress code.

PE dress code from September 2023

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green/red reversible rugby shirt; • Black shorts; • Green games socks with white tops; • Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt • White socks (non branded); • Trainers – any colour; • Rugby or football boots (essential for outdoor activities on the field). • Optional: skins (top & bottom) – plain black, (NB. tracksuit bottoms are not suitable for rugby and football) no large logos. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green and White hooded sweatshirt with school logo; • Black skirt; • Green games socks with white tops; • Green and White School Logo Polo Shirt • White socks (non branded); • Trainers – any colour; • Optional: black shorts/ leggings/ skins/tracksuit bottoms – plain black, no large logos or mesh sides (CHS leggings available from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists).



Sixth Form Dress Code

The dress code for Sixth Form students embodies our conviction that the appearance of our students should reflect the professional environment in which they learn and their responsibility as role models. We are proud of the standard of uniform throughout Chosen Hill School, and expect that this high standard will be maintained in the Sixth Form. We rely to a very great extent on the co-operation of parents in our efforts to give students a sense of pride in their appearance, and pride in the school. *If you are unsure, do the sensible thing – ask the Sixth Form team before you spend money or make a decision.*

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| Coat | - | Plain colour only, not denim or leather |
| Blazer (optional) | - | Black (smart office wear) |
| Trousers | - | Black (tailored – not jeans or leggings) |
| Skirt | - | Black (tailored) use arm's length when standing as a guide to length |
| Jumper/cardigan | - | School issue (please note hoodies are not permitted) |
| Shirt/Blouse | - | Plain white, with top button and collar (for tie) |

Tie	-	Sixth Form tie (can be purchased from Student Finance Office)
Shoes/Boots	-	Sensible black or brown leather shoes or low heeled boots
Tights	-	Black or neutral
Games Kit	-	Black and White sportswear and trainers

In the Summer Term from Easter to July, a white polo shirt with the school logo may be worn. Polo shirts can be purchased from [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#) who have a store in Cheltenham and Gloucester.

1. Make up, jewellery and hairstyles should be discreet, should meet health and safety guidelines and must fit the high standards of dress at Chosen Hill School. Any type of face jewellery, except a discreet single nose stud is unacceptable.
2. Outdoor wear must not be worn in lessons or for any formal school event.
3. PE or Games kit cannot be worn other than for specified lessons or activities.

Students whose uniform standard consistently does not meet the school's expectations will face sanctions according to Sixth Form Code of Conduct and Achievement policy.

Second Hand Uniform

Chosen Hill School holds a wide selection of good quality second hand uniform. Please contact the School Reception or Mrs Bishop in the Reprographics Room if you are interested in purchasing second hand uniform.

Uniform Loan

The school holds a selection of uniform that will be loaned to a student if they arrive in school wearing any item of uniform that is incorrect.

Uniform Supplier

The school's uniform supplier is [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#). The school is helping to keep the cost of uniform down, by reducing some of the branded items as compulsory uniform. This means that although many of our parent will use the school's uniform supplier, other high street options such as supermarkets are available.

Uniform Acceptability Check

Acceptable footwear examples



Unacceptable footwear examples



Acceptable and unacceptable trouser examples

