

SCHOOL UNIFORM: DRESSING FOR SUCCESS

**COURTHOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOL
2025**



WHY CHANGE UNIFORM?

Financial cost of uniform for families.

Purpose and suitability for our current day to day activities.

Streamline to reduce number of items will help uniformity.



PARENTAL FEEDBACK

Thank you for those who provided feedback.

Following this we have amended and clarified the following...

- Longer phased change and time for transition to new uniform – See slide 4
- Summer dress – See slide 5
- Clarity on shoes and expectations – See slide 6
- Clarity on book bags & Stationary – See slide 10
- Changes to Hoodies – Slide 13
- Expectations on Base layers/Skins/Under armour – See Slide 14



PHASED CHANGE

Our new uniform policy will start from September 2025.

However, many parents voiced that they would like a longer transition to reduce unnecessary cost of buying new uniform if they already have one.

Therefore, we will have a years transition over 2025/2026. Where the old uniform can be worn.

From September 2026 we ask that all families follow the expectations with regards to the new uniform



SCHOOL UNIFORM



- White Polo Shirt: Clean and crisp appearance (Winter/Summer)
- Green Jumper or Cardigan: With school logo (Winter/Summer)
- Grey Trousers, Shorts or Skirt: No visible under armour garments (Winter Summer)
- Green Gingham Dress (**OPTIONAL-SUMMER**)
- Black Shoes/Trainers: No logos allowed for uniformity
- Summer options: Green Gingham dress for girls



Remember: Uniforms help create a focused learning environment!



SHOES

Shoes: Black school shoes, Black trainers, no visible logos (i.e. no logos that are white or different colours). Parents can choose whether they wish for children to simply wear one pair of trainers or provide them with school shoes and trainers for PE. Parents are free to spend as much or as little on this, our only requirement is for the shoes to be black. Girls may equally choose to wear all black ankle boots, but will again need black trainers for PE if this is the parents choice. This will help uniformity and smartness.

Examples:

[* We are not endorsing these shoes but providing examples for parents who expressed that it may be difficult to source all black shoes.](#)

[John Lewis - Adidas](#)

[Next Skecher](#)

[Clarks - Black School Shoes](#)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) UNIFORM

- White Polo Shirt: Breathable for physical activity
- Black Shorts: Allows for easy movement
- Black Trainers: Provides support for various activities
- Black Joggers/Leggings for winter (Optional)



Safety First: Proper PE attire ensures safe participation in sports and exercises!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) UNIFORM

- Swimming costume
- Swimming Hat
- Goggles



* No specific colour, trunks for boys/ appropriate all in one for girls.

OPAL (OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING)

- Puddle Suit or Winter Jacket: Protection from wet or cold weather
- Wellies or Boots: Keeps feet dry during outdoor activities

Note: OPAL uniform allows for year-round outdoor learning and play!



* Bag for wellies can be a carrier bag as long as it is named and labelled along with the wellies having a name and label as well.

BAGS, LUNCHBOXES & EQUIPMENT

Children will need:

- Back-pack
- Bag for wellies and OPAL clothing (can be a carrier bag – named and labelled)
- Lunchbox (If having packed lunches)
- Children will no longer need to bring to school stationery.
Everything they need will be provided by the school

*Parents are free to choose a back pack and there is not set style or size.

* Stationary changes are to save parents cost but also we have a large degree of variability in quality, colour and style of utensils used in classes and we wish to simplify this.



JEWELLERY

We aim to keep all children safe from harm and ask you as parents to assist with this by ensuring your child comes to school wearing little or no jewellery. This is due to the very busy nature of school life meaning increased chance of bumps and scrapes associated with play and physical activity and the risk wearing Jewellery adds to this. In making any decision on whether or not jewellery and piercings are to be allowed in the school the following issues have been considered.

- Risk to the wearer: Inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing, equipment etc. The extent of the injury is likely to vary from minor to major including rips, tears or piercing of flesh.
- Risk to other people: This is generally low except in activities such as PE or at break/lunch times where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person.
- Risk from Covering Jewellery: There is a potential risk of injury to the wearer from removing tape used to cover jewellery if the tape pulls the jewellery as it is removed. Some people have an allergic reaction to plasters and this would also need to be considered.

Jewellery/Accessories (Rules here also apply on non-uniform days)

- Earrings: one pair of discreet earrings may be worn (small plain studs only). Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove them for P.E. and swimming and be able to replace them themselves.
- Necklaces, chains, rings and bracelets should not be worn, unless worn specifically due to religious/cultural obligation.
- Bracelets worn for religious/cultural obligation: one only please, large enough to be removed for all P.E. lessons or able to be covered.
- Hair accessories: bobbles or hair bands should be green, grey, black or white. No other hair accessories should be worn.

Pupils may wear a wrist watch, but not a smart watch which is able to connect to the internet or via 3/4G (see 'Mobile Phones Policy').

By following this policy we aim to keep all children safe. For Health & Safety reasons we **discourage the wearing of any form of jewellery in school**. This is supported by the Government through the Department for Education (DFE) and Local Authority guidance.

UNIFORM ADAPTATIONS

- Policy: We understand that some students may need adaptations to the uniform policy
- Process: Complete a uniform adaptation request form available from the office
- Review: Requests are forwarded to the Head of School and SENDco for consideration
- Goal: Ensure all students are comfortable and able to fully participate in school activities

We're committed to inclusivity and meeting individual needs!

HOODY

We appreciate the Hoody has been a popular item of our school clothing we have made the difficult decision to discontinue it as part of our uniform.

There are a number of reasons...

- additional item that costs more for families
- the school jumper/cardigan is the same material as the hoody just minus the hood
- the wearing of it on non PE days
- increasing challenge with refusing to take the hood down
- Not in keeping with other local schools

* However, we appreciate that for those who already have one would appreciate the option to continue to wear it and we will allow it on PE days only until our full switch in September 2026.



BASE LAYERS/UNDER ARMOUR/SKINS

We have a small handful of children and families who have asked about skins and under armour. These **will not** be a part of our school uniform. Children **should not** have these visible as part of their uniform. For example, some children are wearing them under their shorts as opposed to wearing trousers and the same with tops rather than jumpers. We are happy for children to wear them if they are underneath trousers or joggers. Many of these items are designed for sports and performance and actually increase evaporation of moisture and sweat from the body which for children is a regulatory function and can lead to them not being able to stay warm. Some base layers do offer protection from cold weathers but nothing that would be best solved by trousers and or warm jackets. Especially given the duration of time children are outside. They are also often used as an excuse not to wear a jacket and whilst as I said there may be benefits for temperature they do not keep you dry like a water proof coat.

Again, many feel that uniform is also in preparation for Secondary school and these won't be allowed when they move up. Therefore, we do also want to support healthy habits in preparation for Secondary school.

Therefore, from September 2025 we will not allow this to be part of the uniform if they are visible and children will be asked to remove them. This will be equally applied to both genders.



SAVINGS: COSTINGS TAKEN FROM GOYALS FOR BRANDED ITEMS
AND ASDA. ASSUMPTION MADE THAT CHEAPEST UNIFORM WILL
HAVE BEEN SOUGHT

Old uniform cost:

White Polo Shirt ASDA £2 (2 shirts)

Trousers/Shorts/Pinafore ASDA £7

School Jumper/cardigan GOYALS £11.50/£12.50

Tie £4.50

School Shoes ASDA approx. £15

Hoodie GOYALS £18

Joggers ASDA £8 GOYALS £12.00

Shorts/Skort £8/£14

White PE shoes ASDA approx £15

Jacket (Non Specific Approx £20)

Total Boys £108.50 Girls £111.50

New uniform cost:

White Polo Shirt ASDA £2 (2 shirts)

Trousers/Shorts/Skirt ASDA £7

School Jumper/cardigan GOYALS £11.50/£12.50

Black Trainers ASDA approx. £15

Black Joggers ASDA £8 GOYALS £12.00

Black Shorts (No Logo) ASDA £5

Winter Waterproof Jacket ASDA approx. £20

Wellies ASDA approx. £10

Total £70 **£40 Savings per child**