



# **SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS 2024-2025**



# Why do I have to wear a school uniform?

Uniform gives us a feeling of belonging to our school. It encourages punctuality, neatness and a proud feeling among students.

How you dress in school plays an important role in your education.



# Why can't I wear what I want to school?

Clothing choices in schools can lead to peer pressure to look or dress a particular way. It can put pressure on parents to purchase expensive 'must have' clothing and some clothing can suggest and lead to gang affiliations. This can ruin self discipline and work ethic.

# Why will a school uniform benefit me?

It reduces distraction in class, students are often drawn to discuss what particular brand of clothing they are wearing amongst one another.

It distinguishes us from other school students. When you are walking to school, or out on a school trip, the Chaucer blazer makes you easily identifiable as ambassadors of the school and gives you a sense of belonging.

# Why will a school uniform benefit me?

Most importantly, it helps to prepare for the world of work and life in modern Britain.

For the vast majority of jobs , there will be a uniform of some kind or dress code to adhere to.



# Why are we pushing uniform?

Pride

Safety and wellbeing

Distinction from other schools

Sense of belonging

Preparing our students for life in modern Britain

Identity and our new house system!



# Refusal to wear full and correct uniform = reflection



If you are not wearing your full school uniform or refuse to wear a loaned uniform item, you will be placed in reflection.

Uniform is not optional. It is expected.

## What you are expected to wear at school:

*Fully supportive footwear that is all black  
(shoes/pumps/boots/trainers)*

*Black or grey trousers or a black or grey skirt*

*Chaucer school blazer*

*Plain white formal shirt or blouse (may be short or long  
sleeved)*

*Chaucer school tie*

Students **MUST** wear this uniform to school every day





**What you can to wear at school if you want to:**

*Plain navy jumper with no writing or logo on it under your blazer*

Students **Can** wear this uniform to school every day if you want to under their blazer – not instead of



## **What you cannot wear at school:**

Footwear that isn't fully supportive of student's feet (sliders etc.)

Footwear that isn't all black

Jeans, tracksuit bottoms or leggings of any colour

Tee shirts of any kind

Hoodies of any kind

Jumpers that are not navy in colour

Jumpers with any writing, logos or other colours on them

A jacket or coat when in lesson



School blazer



Blazer with optional navy jumper underneath

## Jackets and coats

You can wear a coat or a jacket to school but these need to be removed when entering classrooms.

If needed, coats and jackets are to be worn **over the top** of the school blazer and **never instead of the blazer**.

Our school blazer is not optional for students to wear

If students are warm in class and wish to remove their blazer, they need to **ask their teachers permission** to do this.



# Allowed



# Not Allowed

Jeans of any kind



Leggings/Jeggings



# Allowed

Black or grey trousers



# Not Allowed

Jeans of any kind



Tracksuit bottoms



# Shoes

All plain all black footwear:

No sandals

No peep toes

No coloured logos, eyelets, laces or edging of any kind

Acceptable shoes





These Vivienne's are not permitted as they do not fit school policy



You can wear all black Vivienne Westwood pumps



# Uniform checking process

- To sit with gate duty staff on arrival
- Phone call home when stopped on the gate
- Student arrives through the main reception and is supported with loan uniform for the day by the office team which they sign out and return at the end of the day
- Form tutors send to on call if students arrive without uniform
- Late students - office staff will need to check uniform and loan uniform for the day if it is incorrect

# Loan stock of uniform

To be kept in main reception area

Office team to take responsibility  
for loaning uniform to students and tracking this  
by signing uniform in and out


Students loan what they need and return it  
at 3pm

Refusal to loan results in reflection placement


Refusal to return loaned item results in phone  
call by year team and sanction by year team

Process for students arriving to school without correct uniform:

**Gate duty staff phone parents and direct students to the main hall or home to change and return**



**Office operate a loaning system from stock in main reception which is signed out and back in at the end of the day**



**Loaned uniform (blazer/tie/skirt etc) is worn for the day before being returned at 3pm**



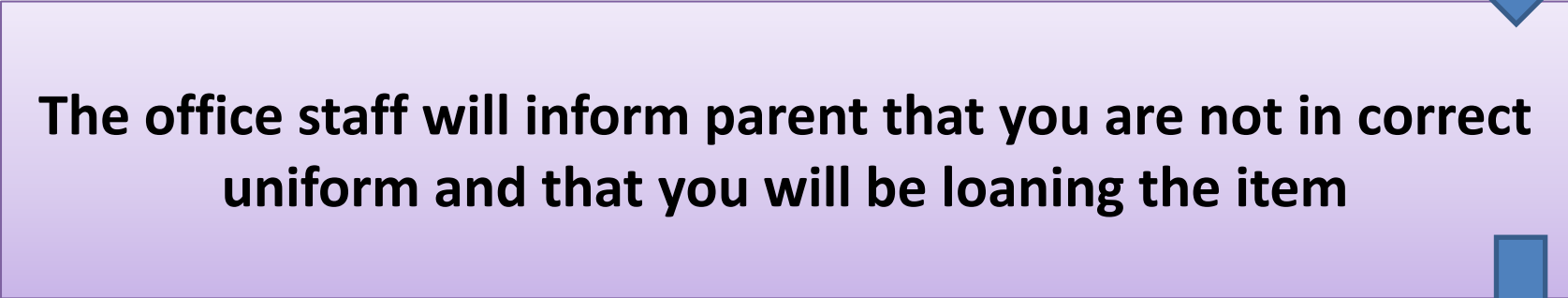
**Refusal to wear loan items results in a reflection placement until 3pm**

# What happens if I am late to school and not in correct uniform?

**You arrive to the main reception to sign in where office staff will check you are in full and correct uniform**



**The office staff will inform parent that you are not in correct uniform and that you will be loaning the item**



**Refusal to wear loan uniform will result in a reflection placement until 3pm**



## **School Uniform – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Can my shoes have a coloured logo on them?**

No, uniform policy states plain black shoes only with no colour on shoes, logos, stripes, stitching etc.

### **What if the sole of my shoe is a different colour?**

The sole of the shoe can be any colour as long as it is not visible when standing. No colour must be visible other than black on the shoes.

### **Can I wear a hoodie if I'm cold?**

No. You are allowed to wear a plain navy coloured jumper with no hood and no logo over the top of your school shirt and tie

**What happens if I forget my tie multiple times?** Your school tie is part of your Chaucer school uniform. Every student is expected to wear one. If you have lost yours then you will need to purchase a new tie. Your Form tutor and Year leader will keep a record of how many times you have needed to loan a school tie. Failure to wear your school tie consistently will mean parents informed and placement in reflection if you are simply refusing to wear your tie.

# Where do I get my uniform from?

- Pinders contact details: [Chaucer School | Pinders Schoolwear](#)
- Pinders supply blazers, jumpers and ties
- Ties can also be purchased direct from school
- School jumpers – optional but only jumper with logo purchased from School trends may be worn
- Trousers and skirts must meet school policy guidelines.
- Shoes – all plain, all black
- Students in incorrect uniform will be placed in pre exclusion until the matter can be resolved.