



Churnet View
Middle School

New Uniform Parent Information

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New Uniform Launch
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1. Why are we changing our uniform?

Last term the school Pupil Council conducted a whole-school review of uniform by liaising with pupils. The outcome was that pupils overwhelmingly wanted to have a new uniform.

The Pupil Council members researched types of uniform they would like to wear including looking at styles, colours and fabrics.

They presented their research and proposals to pupils, the school leadership team and a School Governor. Included in these presentations were cost implications, practicalities and the benefits that a new school uniform would bring to the standards at Churnet View.

During the consultation the Pupil Council identified the need for the school to support parents/families and asked the school to consider a contribution to the cost of the uniform for parents and to consider the phasing in of the new uniform.

The Pupil Council concluded that the change of uniform would instil a sense of identity, pride and belonging in the pupils and proposed the changes with the aim to;

- strengthen our identity, where our uniform reflects the high expectations for all pupils.
- strengthen the sense of pride, identity and belonging we have from being a part of the community of Churnet View Middle School.
- reflect our aim of becoming an 'outstanding' school, with pupils who are proud to receive the highest quality of education within our community.

Whilst changing the uniform the school has also taken the opportunity to update the school logo. The new copyrighted logo in bright colours represents the beautiful rural location of the school and the unique Leek phenomenon of the double sunset. We feel this represents a bright new future for the school that is firmly rooted in the local community, radiating warmth and nurturing our pupils in this next step of their educational development.

2. How is the uniform changing?

In agreeing to the uniform changes, the school has taken account of the Department for Education guidelines in ensuring that parents get the “best value for money” and that the majority of items are easily available from a range of shops. Therefore, in making these changes to our uniform, we have ensured that the black trousers, black skirts, black school shoes, white shirts, royal blue knitted V-neck jumper, and some items of the PE kit can be purchased from a wide range of supermarket or school wear stockists.

The number of items that are embroidered or specific to the school have been kept to a minimum. The supplier of these items will be closely monitored and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure good quality and value for money for parents.

The school has also agreed to allocate funding to help current parents and new intake parents in 2017 and 2018 with the purchase of the new uniform items. This will be funded from reserves that can only be used for resources for the benefit of all pupils and do not impact on the school budget that pays for staff and running costs of the school.

We would like to clarify that the rules remain the same with regard to black trousers and skirts. The skirt must be of a classic style and knee-length. Trousers must conform to the rules, i.e. black trousers – classic style, side pockets only.

The following is not permitted:

- Trousers made from a stretchy material
- Denim or canvas trousers
- Trousers that include decoration [e.g. buckle / buttons / decorative stitching, fashionable logos
- Fashion trousers – i.e. ‘Flares’, ‘Bootleg’, ‘Drain pipes’ etc.

We know that purchasing a new school uniform can be very costly for parents, and especially understand the concerns of our current parents who may have recently purchased new items.

With this in mind we have;

- Negotiated discounted prices and offers with the supplier
- Allowed optional phasing in of the new PE kit for current pupils
- Purchased blazers and ties for Year 5 and 6 current year groups, current Year 3 and 4 future year groups and shirts and ties for our current Year 7
- Allowed current Year 7 pupils the option to continue to wear the school navy sweatshirt instead of the blazer until they leave the school

3. How will the school support parents?

The following pages detail the uniform items that will be provided free for each current year group and the discounts available for other items.

The discounts and offers vary between year groups. We therefore suggest turning to the page headed with your child's current year group to see the details that will apply to your child;

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Current Year 3

If your child is currently in Year 3 and will join our Year 5 in September 2018, the full uniform and PE kit is compulsory.

We will provide free of charge the following items;

- Grey embroidered blazer in boy or girl fit
- School clip on tie

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium at the time of joining the school will receive the PE kit bundle including PE polo top, reversible rugby top and shorts, free of charge.

Current Year 4

If your child is currently in Year 4 and will join our Year 5 in September 2017, the full uniform and PE kit is compulsory.

We will provide free of charge the following items;

- Grey embroidered blazer in boy or girl fit
- School clip on tie

The school has negotiated a discounted PE bundle (including reversible rugby top, polo top and short) at a cost of £35. This discount will be available until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Pupils joining the school in September 2017 may purchase this bundle from July 2017 up to the end of the autumn term 2017 school.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium at the time of joining the school will receive the PE kit bundle free of charge.

Current Year 5

If your child is currently in Year 5 and will join Year 6 in September 2017, the full uniform is compulsory but the new PE kit is optional until your child leaves the school in summer 2020.

We will provide free of charge the following items;

- Grey embroidered blazer in boy or girl fit
- School clip on tie
- £10 voucher towards the cost of the new PE bundle to help parents who wish to purchase the optional new kit. This offer will only be available until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Pupils may continue to wear the old PE kit until the end of the summer term 2020 when they leave the school.

The school has negotiated a discounted PE kit bundle offer including reversible rugby top, polo top and short at a cost of £35 (£25 with voucher) if parents wish to purchase the new kit.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will receive the PE kit bundle free of charge.

Current Year 6

If your child is currently in Year 6 and will join Year 7 in September 2017, the full uniform is compulsory but the new PE kit is optional until your child leaves the school at the end of the summer term 2019.

We will provide free of charge the following items;

- Grey embroidered blazer in boy or girl fit
- School clip on tie
- £10 voucher towards the cost of the PE bundle to help parents who wish to purchase the optional new kit. This offer will only be available until the end of the autumn term 2017

Pupils may continue to wear the old PE kit until they leave the school at end of the summer term 2019.

The school has negotiated a discounted PE kit bundle offer including reversible rugby top, polo top and short at a cost of £35 (£25 with voucher) if parents wish to purchase the new kit.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will receive the PE kit bundle free of charge.

Current Year 7

If your child is currently in Year 7 and will join Year 8 in September 2017, the shirt and tie will be compulsory but your child may continue to wear the current navy school sweatshirt.

The blazer and new PE kit are optional until your child leaves the school at the end of the summer term 2018.

We will provide free of charge the following items;

- White shirt
- School clip on tie
- £10 voucher to help parents who wish to purchase the optional new blazer or PE kit bundle. This offer will be available until the end of the autumn term 2017.

Pupils may continue to wear the current navy sweatshirt and PE kit until they leave the school at the end of the summer term 2018.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will receive the PE kit bundle free of charge.

4. What items will parents be asked to purchase?

	<u>Provided by the school</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Compulsory</u>
<u>Current Year 3</u> Joining in September 2018	Blazer Tie Free PE kit bundle for pupils eligible Pupil Premium	Royal blue v-neck sweater Girls skort	White shirt Black trousers/skirt New PE Kit
<u>Current Year 4</u> Joining in September 2017	Blazer Tie Free PE kit bundle for pupils eligible Pupil Premium	Royal blue v neck sweater Girls skort	White shirt Black trousers/skirt New PE Kit
<u>Current Year 5</u> Moving into Y6 in September 2017	Blazer Tie £10 voucher towards PE kit bundle or, Free PE kit bundle for pupils eligible Pupil Premium	Royal blue v neck sweater New PE Kit	White shirt
<u>Current Year 6</u> Moving into Y7 in September 2017	Blazer Tie £10 voucher towards PE kit bundle or, Free PE kit bundle for pupils eligible Pupil Premium	Royal blue v neck sweater New PE Kit	White shirt
<u>Current Year 7</u> Moving into Y8 in September 2017	White Shirt Tie £10 voucher towards PE kit or bundle or blazer Free PE kit bundle for pupils eligible Pupil Premium	Blazer New PE kit	

5. Where can the new uniform be purchased?

The items of uniform with school logo; blazer, tie, PE polo top, PE reversible rugby top, PE short and skort will be available from a well-known and reputable school wear company called Trutex who have a shop in Meir, Stoke on Trent.

Whilst it may be convenient for some parents to visit the store, we have also arranged for monthly “pop-up” shops in school where the uniform will be available to try on and purchase direct from Trutex. Trutex also have an online ordering website www.trutexmeir.com

The free uniform items will be available from July 2017—see the dates below. Due to the volume of items to issue we will be inviting pupils and parents in form groups on different dates to avoid lengthy queues.

New pupils joining the school in Year 5 will be attending Churnet View during the week commencing 10th July 2017 for their transition visit. During this week parents and pupils will be invited into school to try on and collect the free uniform. Your child will be informed of their new form on Monday 10th July 2017.

Tuesday 11th July 2017

4.00-5.00pm Current Y4 pupils joining 5A and 5B

5.00-6.00pm Current 5A, 5B, 5C pupils only

Wednesday 12th July 2017

4.00-5.00pm Current Y4 pupils joining 5C and 5D

5.00-6.00pm Current 5D, 6A, 6B, 6C only

Thursday 13th July 2017

4.00-6.00pm Current Year 6D, 6E, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D only

Uniform will also be available to purchase from Trutex on all three evenings.

Trutex Shop Dates in the School Hall

Saturday 29th July 2017 10.30am -2.30pm

Wednesday 23rd August 2017 10.30am - 2.30pm

Monday 18th September 2017 3.45pm - 5.00pm

Monday 16th October 2017 3.45pm - 5.00pm

Monday 20th November 2017 3.45pm - 5.00pm

No shop date in December but further dates for 2018 will be issued at a later date.

6. Uniform Home School Agreement

When the free uniform is distributed we will be asking parents/carers to sign a home school uniform agreement that will specify our uniform standard and requirements and ask parents/carers and pupils to agree to abide by the school uniform rules and ensure the correct uniform is worn and kept in a good clean condition at all times.

We strongly recommend that all school items are clearly labelled immediately with your child's name. The school will not be able to replace damaged or lost items once they have been issued to pupils.

7. Frequently asked questions

How and when will the free uniform be distributed?

Parents and pupils will be invited into school in July to select and sign for the free items. Other items of uniform from Trutex will be available to purchase on these dates.

How can I pay for uniform purchased at the monthly school shops?

Trutex will accept cash or card payments

How do I get a PE kit voucher?

You may request your £10 discount voucher (or free Pupil Premium voucher) from the school reception. You will be issued with a numbered voucher that can be exchanged at the Trutex shop in Meir or at one of their shops in school. It will entitle you to £10 off the £35 PE kit bundle or £10 off the price of a blazer (current Year 7 only). The Pupil Premium voucher can be exchanged for a free PE kit bundle. Please note these vouchers cannot be replaced if damaged or lost.

What is included in the PE kit bundle?

Reversible rugby top, polo top and shorts for a discounted price when purchased together of £35—saving up to £10.97

Can I swap the shorts for the skort in the PE kit bundle?

Yes but the PE bundle price will be higher as the skort is a higher priced item than the short.

Are the PE items available to purchase separately?

Yes—see the Trutex price list but the discount voucher is only valid for the PE kit bundle.

How long are the discounted offers available?

The £10 discount vouchers are valid until 31st December 2017 only

Can I use the £10 PE voucher towards the cost of a blazer instead?

Current Year 7 may choose to use the £10 voucher towards the cost of the PE kit bundle or a blazer.

Will the school keep a stock of school ties to purchase?

Yes - these will be available from the school reception at the retailers recommended price.

What extra support will Pupil Premium children receive?

All pupils eligible for Pupil Premium at the time they join the school will be able to request a voucher to claim a free PE kit bundle comprising polo top, reversible rugby top and short from Trutex.

Can the white shirts be long or short sleeved?

Yes

What colour socks/tights do the pupils wear?

Black socks or black tights only. No coloured or white socks and no natural tights. Navy long socks for PE only.

Will my child be warm enough in winter?

Pupils may wear the optional V neck knitted jumper under their blazer and we do recommend a waterproof outer coat for the colder months.

Will my child be too hot in summer?

We expect the blazer to be worn at all times whilst in school, however in hot weather these may be removed and short sleeve white shirts may also be worn.

Is the uniform washable?

Yes—all items are machine washable including the blazer which can be machine washed at 40 degrees on a synthetic cycle and ironed on a low heat.

Is the uniform durable?

All Trutex school uniform is 'easy to care for' and 'made to last'. They source all their fabrics from reputable mills and only work with ethical factories that can achieve their high manufacturing standards.

Is the uniform ethically sourced?

Trutex works towards the 'Ethical Trading Initiative Base Code', which helps protect the people around the world that make their clothing.

For help with any further questions please see a member of staff tonight or contact the school on 01538 384939.

Feedback forms are available from the school reception and we welcome all comments.