

Chenderit School Uniform and Dress Code

The following provides a summary of our uniform and personal appearance rules and expectations. A summary is provided in every student's planner.

Piercings:

One small, plain, round stud may be worn by students in in each ear. No other piercings are to be worn in school. It is not acceptable to cover other piercings. Please ensure that any other piercings are undertaken at an appropriate time so that they are always removed during school hours.

Jewellery:

Students may wear, if they choose, one small, plain round stud per ear, a watch and one charity bracelet, no other jewellery may be worn by students.

Trousers and Skirts:

Trousers must be black and tailored in a smart plain formal / business style. Jeans or jeans style, casual style trousers, cords, chinos, tight or skinny style trousers, jeggings and other non-tailored trousers are not allowed.

Skirt lengths should be sensible and modest. Occasionally, very short and therefore inappropriate skirts have been worn to school. As a rough guide, skirts should be plain style (e.g. not puff ball) and approximately two inches (5cm) above or below the knee *whilst being worn*. Many girls favour lycra skirts; these are unacceptable since by their nature they can become inappropriate and out of place in a place of education and learning. We are sure that families are aware that we want to focus on our core business of learning and prefer not to have to correct unacceptable uniform; nevertheless we will if students do not follow our expectations carefully.

Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts:

All students must own a school sweatshirt. These must be worn unless the student has permission to remove it. Cardigans or other black tops are not permitted under any circumstances and will be confiscated if worn. At all times the school's white polo shirt must also be worn, whether or not the sweatshirt is worn at the same time. Vests should be plain white not visible at either the collar or cuff of the polo-shirt.

Socks and Tights:

Socks should be plain black or dark grey. Knee length socks may not be worn with skirts. Tights must be black or a natural colour and a plain design. Leggings are not allowed.

Footwear:

In recent years the distinction between shoes and trainers has blurred and led to many schools being diverted from their primary focus – learning – towards a distracting debate around the definition of a "shoe". Sensible and traditional shoes must be worn by all students. Such shoes provide basic protection from the weather and the various risks associated with practical subjects: technology, science and drama, for example. Only traditional *shoes* are permitted. For clarity, this means that sling backs, high heels, boots, trainers, trainer style shoes, canvas shoes etc are not allowed. We hope that clever footwear designers and manufacturers do not distract us from our core purpose. If in doubt please ask your son or daughter to discuss his or her choice of footwear with us before purchasing it.

Makeup:

A minimal amount of neutral makeup is permitted at Chenderit. This should be very natural and avoid prominent colours. We accept that some parents permit their children to wear mascara, eye liner, foundation and lipstick outside school or on special occasions. Whilst at school, however, we require students to remove excessive make up before they can return to normal lessons. Coloured nail varnish and fake nails must not be worn in school.

Hair:

We encourage students to be proud of their own natural hair colouring. As such, unnatural hair dye colours are not permitted. Streaks of pink, white, blue, green, yellow etc and two tone hair colouring

are not permitted under any circumstances. High lights and low lights are common and should not be a problem assuming common sense is applied and only normal hair colourings are used with subtlety. Extremes of style are also unacceptable including tramlines.

Equipment:

Planners, pens including black, blue and green, ruler (mm/cm); rubber; exercise books for the day, any homework due to be handed in, pencil, pair of compasses, protractor or angle measurer, scientific calculator, a reading book and a glue stick are amongst the most basic needs of every student at this school. Other subjects may require additional equipment from time to time as well. A single child forgetting their exercise book or a pen can have a big impact on a class of 29 other children whose learning is delayed by the need to find basic equipment for that student.

Mobile Phones and Cameras:

Students may bring mobile phones into school, however, the school accepts no responsibility for them and students do so at their own risk. Students are not permitted to use the phone to read or send texts or emails or to make or receive calls during the school day. This means from arrival at school until the student has left the school premises (including where the student is remaining for activities at school after the end of period 5). Students needing to make urgent calls during these times may do so at Student Services. Mobile phones must be turned off at all times with the exception of break and lunchtimes when mobile phones and MP3 or 4 players may be used to listen to music with headphones in assigned tutor bases only. Mobile phones, or any other device, must never be used to take photographs or video on the school premises. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used during cover lessons at any time. Under exceptional circumstances a teacher may authorise the use of a mobile phone / integrated technology in a lesson (e.g. to record a technique in a PE lesson). This can only occur with the explicit prior permission of the Head of Department, bearing in mind health and safety factors. Any student found using a mobile telephone inappropriately during school hours, will be punished accordingly. Their telephone will be confiscated and sanctions will be applied.

Purchasing uniform

The uniform is available directly from our supplier, School Trends. See the school website for details.

Sanctions:

Everything we do at Chenderit is there to promote learning, community and a shared ethos. If a student falls short of these standards of uniform and personal appearance, they will be isolated during their breaks and lunchtimes. If the issue is still not resolved the student will be supervised outside of their normal lessons during the school day and during break and lunch times. Students and their families are very frustrated, and understandably so, by inconsistencies and therefore our rules and expectations must apply to *all* students.

Chenderit aims to apply common sense with respect to uniform, equipment and rules. Several years ago the uniform was radically altered to enable families and students to own a sensible uniform that remained comfortable during any learning activity. Similarly, our innovative digital technology policy is based on common sense and an acknowledgement that the world is changing and schools must change with the times as well. We are, however, a uniform school and we are proud of the opportunities uniforms provide to demonstrate our shared community and enable all students to focus on the key reason why they are here – to learn and to progress. I hope these clarifications are helpful for each family. Please contact us if you have any queries relating to these or any other matters.