

Inveralmond Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Uniform

In Inveralmond Community High School our aim is to work together to achieve excellence and equity for every young person. We want all young people to aspire to the highest possible standards and to achieve their best. We believe that high standards of uniform are part of our aspirational culture. There are three key reasons why we believe this is important.

Aspiration

Our uniform policy aims to ensure that all young people are dressed in a way that conveys our high standards and aspiration. We greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in ensuring that our young people dress in a way that befits a school environment. Ensuring all young people are dressed to a high standard contributes to the wider culture of the school in relation to aspiration, as well as being an essential life skill for the world of work. As a school we want our pupils to look as smart as any pupil from any other school, ensuring that positive impressions of our young people on the wider community are lasting.

Equity

Our uniform policy is also designed to ensure that no young person looks different from another, removing the pressure on families to buy expensive branded items. It is also designed to ensure that no individual stands out as being different; ensuring all young people can feel part of our community.

Safety

Our uniform ensures we can identify any young person within the school as an Inveralmond CHS pupil. This has a safety benefit, as anyone who should not be attending ICHS would be identifiable quickly at a glance. There is an added benefit as young people can be identified as school pupils as they travel to and from school.

Our Uniform

Our uniform policy remains unchanged; however, we have recently changed uniform provider. We are delighted to be able to offer a range of high-quality items to suit all needs. Our uniform policy has a range of options available and for this reason we ask that young people only wear items which are listed.

Buying Uniform

Uniform items can be bought directly from BE Uniforms' website where you will find a dedicated Inveralmond Uniform Shop. BE uniforms offer a discount and the time period for this has been extended for Inveralmond CHS families. Items ordered before the 8th of June have 15% off. BE Uniforms also have a uniform club which enables the cost of uniform to be spread throughout the year.

Here is a link to the dedicated Inveralmond CHS shop: <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/inveralmond-community-high-school.html>

All of the items in our uniform policy can also be bought in high street stores and supermarkets. Please note that not all items sold as 'uniform' will comply with our uniform policy, please refer to the policies when purchasing items. To support with this, we have a uniform graphic on our website, as well as a document which illustrates acceptable uniform items. The illustrated examples have been included at the bottom of this letter.

In session 2025/2026 we will be exploring the option of having a school uniform shop on our IPay system. This could enable parents to purchase further items as required throughout the school year. Details of this will be communicated on our usual channels.

Support with Costs

We encourage anyone who is eligible for free school meals or a uniform grant to apply for these now via this link: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43282/School-Clothing-Grant-Free-School-Meals-and-Milk-Application-Form>

We recognise that some families may not be eligible for the school clothing grant. This does not mean that uniform is affordable to all families who do not qualify. If, for any reason, you are finding accessing uniform difficult due to associated costs, please get in touch with your child's house leader who can apply for uniform. The school will ensure every young person can be in full uniform if there are barriers to this.

We greatly appreciate the support of all parents and carers in ensuring our young people adhere to our uniform policy, are ready to learn, and creates the positive impression we want for our young people. If you have any questions or we can support in any way, please use the 'contact us' button on the top right-hand corner of our website to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Mr Hamish Shankland
Head Teacher
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Uniform visuals

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| <p>Acceptable Uniform Example:</p>  | <p>Unacceptable Uniform Examples:</p>  |
| <p>Shirt – plain white or black (long or short sleeved)</p>  | <p>Shirt – no logo or pattern</p>  |
| <p>Tie - ICHS school tie</p>  | <p>Tie – no alternatives</p>  |
| <p>Jumper – plain black (with or without school logo)</p>  | <p>Jumper – no logos or branding, pattern, or hood. Hoodies are not part of our uniform. Pupils are asked to remove outdoor clothing in class, this includes hoodies.</p> |

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| <p>Skirt – plain black, appropriate length</p>  | <p>Skirt –Appropriate length</p>  |
| <p>Tights – plain black or tan</p>  | <p>Tights – no pattern</p>  |
| <p>Trousers – Black trousers, jeans, skirt or leggings</p> | <p>Trousers – no holes in jeans</p> |



Footwear – mostly black



Footwear – not any other colour, cros and open shoes are not permitted in a school environment



Blazers and Jackets – Blazers are optional. All outdoor clothing should be removed in class. This includes any jacket which is not a blazer, and hoodies.



Hats and Hoods – for safety reasons hats and hoods cannot be worn inside the school building



PE Kit

Please click the link to this SWAY to get details of PE kit for your young person. Note that football logos and colours are strictly prohibited in school.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/9UyWaupDYgD7kKXW?ref=Link>