

9 June 2025

Dear parent/carers/colleagues and students,

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our new school vision is 'One Peebles' and we will continue to develop this as we move into our new school. As part of this, we want our young people to take pride in a sense of belonging and identify with this through school dress. As a school, we are committed to the wearing of school uniform and the many benefits this brings – the promotion of school identity and security, preparation for learning, preparation for possible expectations of uniform beyond school and the promotion of high standards. Moving into the new building gives us the perfect opportunity to prioritise the wearing of uniform so that all young people can demonstrate their pride in their new school.

We have noticed a higher proportion of young people not in school uniform and we need your support to address this. We are very grateful to the group of staff, young people and parents who put together policy in June 2023. However, it is fair to say that there is still confusion around expectations. Therefore, over the last few months we have spoken to groups of pupils and also heard from staff and parents. Based on this we feel clarity and simplicity are important going forward. We ask that, even though many people have opinions on uniform, everyone gets fully behind this.

We engaged with young people during assemblies, on what we will expect from August to help us be the best we can be for our move to the new school in October. The assembly presentation can be found on our website - [School Uniform | Peebles High School](#)

Moving forward, we expect young people to adhere to the following:

- *White shirt and red PHS tie or plain/PHS white polo shirt (S1-S5)*
- *Plain black jumper/cardigan/hoodie/sweatshirt or PHS sweatshirt/PHS hoodie/PHS blazer (S1-S5)*
- *Black trousers/skirt/dress/long tailored shorts/leggings (made of thick material with no patterns, no sports leggings) (S1-S6)*
- *Plain black footwear (S1-S6)*
- *S6 tie* and S6 jumper* or PHS blazer (all S6)*
- *House Captains and Senior Prefects – relevant tie and PHS blazer with red piping*
- *PE uniform - plain white/PHS PE t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/joggers*

*we are consulting S6 on what they would like for their uniform

We do not want young people to come to school wearing coloured hoodies, coloured/patterned/sports leggings, joggers, jeans, tracksuits/track pants, t-shirts (including PE t-shirts outside class), brown, white, striped, patterned or other coloured shoes. We have also decided not to allow any branding on sweatshirts etc as this goes against the equity principles in that some brands are more expensive than others.

There are some young people who have additional support needs and find wearing particular clothing items difficult. We are aware of and are empathetic to these needs, concessions are agreed, and these are shared with our staff.

We appreciate the pressure parents/carers are under to buy the latest fashion item and the possibility of this item (or the way it is worn) causing arguments at home. We hope that making the expectations clear from the outset and following this up with action at both school and home will help to resolve this issue.

We do not want our uniform to be a barrier for any family and are aware that pressures on family budgets have never been greater. As part of our poverty proofing measures, we are trying to provide as much support as we can. We have a school uniform bank which has a range of pre-loved and brand-new clothing. If you would like more information, please contact your child's Pastoral teacher. School uniform grants are also available from the Scottish Government - <https://www.mygov.scot/clothing-grants>

We will make contact with parents/carers if we have ongoing concerns about a young person's dress code. Our hope is that we can work together to overcome any issues and seek your support with consequences for persistent non-compliance with the school dress code. We will give young people items from our uniform bank if they are not in uniform, and we expect these to be worn.

We greatly appreciate the support of parents/carers in ensuring that young people come prepared, ready for learning and feeling part of our school community.

Yours sincerely

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