

31/03/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school and we are so pleased with how they are settling back into their daily routines. After two weeks in the building we are slowly getting back to how things were during the Autumn term.

The sense of pride we have in our students is mirrored by them as they represent our school and the most visible of these methods is through how they wear their uniform.

Understandably, we have been relaxed with our uniform expectations during our time back at school so far, as we appreciate that children have grown whilst shops have been closed and new uniform has been difficult to obtain. The uncertainty of lockdown hasn't helped and we understand the situation lots of our families find themselves in.

For ease of reference our uniform supplier is: **John McHugh's**, which is situated at the King Street entrance to the Stretford shopping centre, in the Old Post Office building.

There are a number of ways that uniform can be purchased from them:

- Online orders that are home delivered. This can be accessed through their website: www.johnmchughschoolwear.co.uk or over the phone - 0161 865 3142.
- Click and collect – ordered via the website with opening times to collect:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2pm – 4pm
 - Saturday 10am – 12pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday – closed
- The store will reopen fully from 12th April 2021.
- Customers needing to exchange/return items can do so during the click-and-collect hours. They are also able to accept returns and exchanges after the lockdown period has ended.

A full list of school uniform can be found on the school website:

<https://chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>.

We would also like to inform parents that from September 2021 the school PE kit will change, so please don't purchase additional items beyond what is needed for the summer months.

While students are waiting for items to be purchased there are simple solutions that they can implement to ensure that they look smart throughout the day. Outdoor coats must be removed when entering the building and shirts should always be tucked in.

Mobile phone and headphones are not allowed in school. If students have to bring them then they should be put into their bag when they arrive and only taken out at the end of the school day. If students have phones and headphones out during the school day they will be asked to put them away. If they have to be asked to put their phone away for a second time they will be confiscated until the end of the day.

School uniform is a key way of us developing a sense of togetherness between our students and staff after such a long time in lockdown. This will also begin to help us re-establish our boundaries. Wearing a uniform places students in a 'work environment mind-set' and helps them separate their home and school life.

Your help in discussing this letter with your son/daughter would be greatly appreciated and could prevent any future misunderstandings or issues that could arise if they are uncertain of the school rules after such a long time learning from home.

Thank you for taking the time to read and act upon this letter. If you have any questions, then please contact me or visit the uniform page on the school website.

Kind regards,
Mr C Harris
Deputy Headteacher

