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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer

As many of you will be aware from reports in the news, the "Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill" is currently being reviewed in Parliament which will require schools to follow new statutory guidance set out by the Department of Education concerning school uniform.

The government wishes "to cut those costs for families and break down barriers as part of the government's Plan for Change, new proposed laws will limit the number of branded, typically more expensive, items schools can require to 3 - excluding ties."

In response to this, the school has reviewed the school dress code for the academic year 2025-26. This means the removal of the branded polo shirt from the dress code. Students will be allowed to wear either a long or short sleeve shirt and tie instead. In the spirit of the Government guidelines the branded polo shirt is an additional cost for term 5 & 6 only. The removal of the polo shirt branded or not, will mean reduced costs.

The school tie is being replaced by a clip-on tie in line with other local schools. This will be on a roll out basis for Year 7 so that Years 8-11 will keep the current tie until it needs replacing.

In addition, the guidance around nails has been amended for clarity and to help avoid unnecessary consequences in the school. Ultimately, can I respectfully remind parents and students that it will be the school's decision if we deem a uniform discretion does not meet school expectations. To avoid any potential issues, we advise parents to contact a member of the pastoral team for advice first.

I am writing now, as many of you will be thinking about making the annual trip to the shops and online to purchase school uniform and shoes. This is particularly pertinent for parents/carers of students joining Year 7 in September 2025. Our school uniform supplier, [Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists](#), has updated their systems to order school uniform and are urging parents/ carers to visit their website before the end of term in order that uniform purchases are in place for the new academic year.

I would like to refer you to the **Uniform Acceptability Check** at the bottom of the dress code policy. This will help parents avoid purchasing costly uniform items that are not acceptable under the School Dress Code.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies.

Yours sincerely

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