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1. Definition of Terms

- **Branded Item:** Any item of clothing or accessory that features the school logo or is uniquely designed for the school.
- **Generic Item:** Standard, unbranded clothing in specified school colours that can be readily purchased from multiple high-street or supermarket retailers.
- **Legacy Item:** Older versions of the school uniform (e.g., previous branded PE kits or polo shirts) that are currently being phased out but remain acceptable to wear during the transition period.
- **Second-hand Uniform:** Good-quality, pre-loved uniform items made available to parents at a significantly reduced cost or for free.

2. Rationale and Statutory Requirements

This policy has been updated and developed to ensure our school uniform is smart, affordable, and fully inclusive. It is grounded in the statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), specifically the Cost of School Uniforms (October 2025) and Developing School Uniform Policy (November 2025).

Furthermore, in accordance with the impending statutory cap outlined in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, we are strictly limiting compulsory branded items to a maximum of three (the "3-Item Cap") to protect families from unnecessary financial burdens.

3. Scope

This policy refers to:

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| Parents/Carers | ✓ | Trustees | |
| Employees | ✓ | Volunteers | |
| Pupils/Students | ✓ | Visitors | |
| Governors | | Community | |

4. Principles

We are firmly committed to the principle that no pupil should be discouraged from attending or fully participating in school life due to the cost of a uniform. Our approach is guided by the following core principles:

- **Affordability:** Keeping the total cost of the uniform reasonable and proportionate.
- **Availability:** Ensuring non-branded items can be easily purchased from everyday high-street retailers.

- Sustainability: Actively encouraging the donation and purchase of second-hand uniforms to promote environmental sustainability and cost-saving.
- Inclusivity & Equality: Our policy is completely gender-neutral; any pupil may wear trousers or skirts as they prefer. We also support religious requirements (e.g., plain blue, black, or grey headscarves/hijabs are permitted).
- Adaptability for SEND: Following the *Developing School Uniform Policy* (Nov 2025), we will make reasonable adaptations for pupils with sensory processing needs (e.g., replacing standard fabrics with softer alternatives or allowing plain joggers instead of trousers). Parents should discuss this with the SENDCO.

5. Policy Statement

To comply with the new "3-Item Cap", our designated branded items are strictly limited to the following two items:

1. Navy blue school sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo
2. Light blue polo shirt with the school logo



Sweatshirt



Cardigan



Polo shirt

School Uniform (*All other items are generic/optional*).

- Navy crewneck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Light blue polo shirt with school logo
- Grey long trousers with grey socks
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress with grey tights or socks
- Small rucksack/bag which can be hung on a coat peg or stored in a locker

Summer Term Alternatives

- Grey shorts may be worn with grey socks.
- Blue and white gingham dresses may be worn with white socks.
- A plain baseball cap or sun hat may be brought to school during summer months for sun protection.

PE Uniform *All PE kit items must be unbranded (with the exception of trainers).*

- Light blue t-shirt
- Navy blue PE shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy fleece
- Black plimsolls or trainers (with non-marking soles)

Footwear

- Black, sensible school shoes (no trainers, dolly shoes, boots, open-toed sandals, or high heels).

Hair, Jewellery, and Cosmetics

- **Hair:** Long hair (over shoulder length) must be tied back. Hair accessories must be in school colours (navy or light blue), small, practical, and limited to plain bobbles, slides, or hairbands (JoJo ribbons/bows are not permitted).
- **Jewellery:** No jewellery is to be worn, with two exceptions: Year 2 pupils may wear an analogue watch, and pupils with pierced ears may wear a single pair of plain stud earrings. *Note: We strongly recommend leaving earrings at home due to active learning. If worn, they must be taped up or removed for PE.*
- **Cosmetics:** Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish or make-up.

6. Procedure

Sourcing New Uniforms

- Branded uniform items will be available through our online supplier, My Clothing - <https://myclothing.com>, please search for 'Henry Hinde School'.
- Generic Items: Can be purchased from any retailer (e.g., Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, M&S) to ensure parents can secure the best value.

Accessing Second-Hand Uniforms

- **Donations:** We welcome donations of outgrown, good-quality items via the reception office.
- Pre-loved uniform will be available via Parentmail orders and uniform events – more detail will follow.
- **Hardship Support:** Parents struggling with uniform costs should contact the Principal or Home School Support Worker in absolute confidence. We hold a stock of nearly-new uniforms to provide immediate assistance.

Compliance and Enforcement

- **Daily Routine:** Staff will check uniforms daily.
- **Breaches:** For minor breaches (e.g., incorrect socks), a gentle reminder will be sent home. For persistent breaches, we will contact parents to discuss any barriers. **We will never send a child home or exclude them for uniform breaches.**
- **Transition Period (2026-2027):** We recognise families need time to replace outgrown items. During this transition, "legacy" items (older branded PE kits, old-style polo shirts, etc.) will remain perfectly acceptable for children in Years 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

7. Monitoring

The implementation of this policy will be monitored daily by school staff. The Head of School and the Governing Body will formally review this policy by May 2027, to ensure ongoing compliance and effectiveness.

8. Related Documents

This policy and procedures should be considered in relation to the guidance listed above and:

- ❖ DfE Statutory Guidance: *Cost of School Uniforms* (October 2025)
- ❖ DfE Guidance: *Developing School Uniform Policy* (November 2025)
- ❖ *Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill*
- ❖ Henry Hinde School SEND Policy
- ❖ Henry Hinde School Equality and Diversity Policy