



June 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

We have recently carried out a blitz on uniform for our new S4 and will look at other year levels before the session ends. This is, as communicated previously, due to our concerns about a serious drop in standards and abuse of the ability to wear PE gear on days students have a PE class.

**We again found a range of issues that need to be addressed:**

- Incorrect school uniform and a **lack of a school branded item or school tie**
- Students wearing street wear and saying they were dressed for PE
- Students wearing PE gear on non PE days
- Groups of female students **continually wearing crop tops/ vest tops that are inappropriate for school**
- Wearing banned footwear such as Crocs

The uniform code that should be adhered too is as follows

**School Dress Code – effective from August 2024**

**Branded Item.** All students must wear one branded item and this can be **one of the following options:**

- an official school tie (£5)
- a school blazer
- one of the items of branded clothing available from our supplier – Brown and Out – see below for online link

***We will be ensuring we reinforce this agreed standard at the start of the new session in August 2025.***

**Uniform Code:**

- White shirt or polo shirt.
  - All tops should be full length, **cropped styles are not permitted.**
- Black trouser, tailored shorts, leggings, dress or skirt.
  - Trousers may be of a style chosen by the student but jogger/ tracksuit bottoms should not be worn unless as part of a P.E. kit. **Jeans are not permitted at any time. They MUST not be ripped or distressed**
  - Leggings must be opaque.
  - Skirts should be of a discrete length – mid thigh or longer.
  - Visible tights or socks should be black, white or skin tone.
- Black or Royal Blue jumper, hoody or cardigan.
  - Jumpers may be V-neck, round neck, quarter or full zip style.
- Mostly black shoes.
  - Shoes need not be entirely black and some other colour on soles or detailing is acceptable

Our uniform items are available from Brown and Out. To order visit their site

<https://www.browbandout.co.uk/online-shop/> - Penicuik High School has its own named section.

## **I would also note the following was agreed for PE:**

On days when a student has P.E. they may wear their P.E. kit all day. P.E. kit is as follows:

- White, royal blue or black t-shirt.
- Cropped t-shirts are not permitted.
- Black shorts, leggings, jogger or tracksuit trousers.
- Football tops and strips are not permitted.
- Hot pant style shorts are not permitted.
- Leggings should be opaque.
- Trainers or other footwear appropriate to the activity
- Any colour of trainer is acceptable.

## **Student with ASN/ Sensory or other issues**

All students can now adhere to the uniform standard described above, e.g. in the case of neuro-diversity, as the uniform is very flexible and therefore **an exemption from wearing non-uniform is not necessary.**

## **Next Session**

Where students wear inappropriate clothing we will make contact and request they go home to change or we may withdraw them from class until they are dressed correctly. There is no excuse to explain non-compliance under the agreed school community code so young people are making a deliberate choice and this affects the rights of others. If you feel it is necessary for your child to be in non-uniform you should email to explain the lack of uniform to their Guidance Teacher. It should only be very short term.

As stated we want all young people correctly dressed from August 2025 and we will be expecting at least one branded item or a school tie to be worn with uniform.

## **Financial Support**

**In line with Council Policy we will financially support the cost of a branded item for any young person who needs it.** If you required support please email the school in confidence FAO: Head Teacher – Mr C Biddick.

We note that as our official uniform is agreed through a democratic process and can be fully subsidised, there will be only rare occasions where any exemption is required via SLT

Your continued support in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



C J Biddick

Head teacher