

**December 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your support with our uniform policy and our ban on the use of mobile phones in school.

Mobile phones

This year students have responded fantastically to our request that they ensure their mobile phones are not seen or heard at school. Earphones and headphones should also be kept out of sight. Research has shown that mobile phones distract students and lead to poorer exam results. Mobile phones should not be seen or heard anywhere on the school site. We know that having a mobile phone is part of keeping safe on the way to and from school but once inside the school gates, they should be switched off and kept in pockets. This includes time before school, breaktime, lunchtime and after school. Please note that if they are seen or heard, mobiles will be confiscated and given back at the end of the school day. Parents or carers who wish to contact students should call Cheney reception or colleges.

Uniform

Since September almost all students have arrived every day wearing appropriate uniform and there are far fewer arguments with students about clothing than there were last year. We feel our students look smart and ready to learn when they arrive at the school gates. This is one of the many reasons why we have a school uniform at Cheney. It also helps students develop a sense of professionalism and prepares them for the world of work. Differences between pupils are reduced and the self-esteem of particular groups of pupils is improved. Security is improved – it is easy to spot who does and who does not belong to the school community. Pupils feel a stronger sense of belonging and commitment to the school. It improves the image of the school in the local community. It creates a sense of purpose within the school environment.

With colder weather on the way, it is possible that over the holidays you may buy some replacement uniform items. Please can you ensure that these are in line with the school uniform policy. Shoes should be black with no coloured or white markings – trainers are acceptable as long as they are black. Skirts should be black, A line or pleated and worn no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Trousers should be one of the following:

Boys Trousers

1. Tesco F&F School Boys Pleat Reinforced Knee Trousers

Colour: Black
(pack of two)Cost: £6.00
Cost: £6 to £10Product Code: ag439272
Product Code: ag4239270)

2. SWI (Sportswear International) Savile Trousers Black

Colour: Black

Cost: £14.65 - £16.70

Product Code: AAAA111505BLAC

3. Marks and Spencers Boys Pleat Front Trousers

Colour: Black

Cost: £9 - £14

Product Code: T764620E or F, T764622L

(shorter and longer lengths), T764627P (plus fit) or T764551 (60% wool rich - £12 - £18)

4. Marks and Spencers Boys Slim Leg Trousers



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Colour: Black Cost: £9 - £14
T764723 (60% wool rich £14 - £18)

Product Code: T764720 (£11 - £15) or

Girls

1. Tesco F&F School Girls Fob School Trousers

Colour: Black Cost: £7

Product Code: ap239219

2. SWI (Sportswear International) Colchester trousers Black

Colour: Black Cost: £14.15 - £16.25

Product Code: AAAA111507BLAC

3. Marks and Spencers Plus Fit Girls Zip Pocket Trousers

Colour: Black Cost: £9-£14

Product Code: T761235, T761235L

(shorter and longer lengths), T763708 (slim fit) or T761273P (plus fit)

4. Marks and Spencers Girls Bootleg Trousers

Colour: Black Cost: 9-£15

Product Code: T761281

(pack of two £11 - £17)

To see examples of school uniform and to find out how to order blazers and trousers, please visit the school website (<http://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/Uniform>). Go to Pastoral and then Uniform.

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