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UNIFORM POLICY

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Each learner's individuality is appreciated at Country House School; however, we do have a compulsory school uniform. It is our expectation that all children leave home looking not only a credit to their families, but also to the school to which they belong.

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES APPLY TO PARENTS AND LEARNERS:

The children are to wear the school uniform travelling to and from school, as well as during school hours or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days. This will include the school hat.

By way of courtesy, parents are asked to write a letter to the classroom teacher if their child is 'out of uniform', e.g. wearing incorrect shoes. However, please note that a letter may not always be accepted. Learners may be given up to two chances to correct their uniform before it must be rectified. If non-compliance occurs regularly, disciplinary action will be taken.

All items of clothing must be labelled clearly with the child's name.

OUR POLICY IS BASED ON THE NOTION THAT A SCHOOL UNIFORM:

- promotes a sense of identity and pride for learners attending the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes learners feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Learners are expected to wear the official CHS uniform and appear neat and tidy at all times.

- No additions to the uniform that are not in accordance with the regulations will be allowed.
- Only one pair of gold or silver studs or small hoops allowed
- Jewellery, accessories, coloured contact lenses or visible tattoos are not allowed.
- No extreme colouring of hair or wearing of exotic hairstyles is allowed.
- No moustaches or beards will be allowed.
- Fingernails must be kept trimmed short and clean at all times.
- During events that allow the WEARING OF CASUAL WEAR, learners should wear neat, presentable clothes.
- Shoes and clothes suitable for playing and running
- Clothing which covers the full torso and shoulders (non-revealing)
- Dresses/shorts to be to at least mid-thigh length
- Sun hats are to be worn
- No offensive or inappropriate slogans/pictures
- Beachwear, tight-fitting clothes, clothes that are see-through and/or too revealing (showing bellies, bottoms or bosoms) are not allowed. Hair, shoes and accessories should be neat at all times.

CHILDREN NOT COMPLYING MAY BE ASKED TO:

1. Return home and change clothing to suit the policy or
2. Wear clothing provided at the school which does comply or
3. Be refused the privilege in future

DRESS CODE

CHS has an inclusive, mostly gender-neutral dress code that is applicable year-round, with no specific distinction between winter and summer uniforms. Parents and learners are encouraged to use discretion when selecting daily attire, as we trust you to manage your own comfort and temperature. While there is no formal uniform for the pre-primary (Little Chicks – Lambs), we recommend purchasing a golf shirt or sports T, which should be worn on all outings and on Fridays.

During extreme winters any underclothing may be added against the cold but must not be visible or worn over the uniform.

Only learners that have applied, submitted relevant supporting documents and received the necessary permission from the Heads, may deviate from official CHS uniform for religious and cultural reasons as contemplated in the Code of Conduct.

HAIR REGULATIONS AND APPEARANCE

Parents of learners who do not follow these regulations will be contacted and asked to correct the problem within an agreed time (see the guiding procedures below). Serious or repeated cases are referred to the Principal.

HAIR REGULATIONS:

All learners are expected to maintain neat and tidy hair. Hair should be styled in a way that does not obstruct vision or distract from learning.

- Hair should be kept away from the face and eyes.
  - Extreme hairstyles or colours that may cause a distraction are not allowed.
  - Hair accessories should be simple, not distracting, and follow the school's colour scheme: black, silver, navy blue, red, or white.

JEWELLERY, TATTOOS & PIERCINGS:

No jewellery, except for a small cross or other religious icon, worn unobtrusively under the shirt. Large chains, crosses, medallions and such are not permitted. A small, solid-coloured wristwatch or Medic Alert bracelet is allowed to be visible. Girls may wear only one pair of gold or silver studs or small hoops in the lowest of any piercing in their earlobes. Earrings may not contain cut or coloured glass. Only one earring per earlobe is permitted. No other visible piercing may be adorned with jewellery or held open by bristles, etc. Boys may not wear any jewellery related to the ear or other piercings.

Visible tattoos are not permitted, and any tattoo must be concealed at all times.

BAGS:

Learners should carry a backpack or bookbag that may have wheels; there should be sufficient space inside for all books, water bottle and lunch box.

GENERAL:

Torn or worn-out uniforms and tracksuits are not acceptable.

Facial hair must be shaved and maintained as the growth rate dictates.

No make-up or false nails, nail polish or particularly long nails are allowed. Eyeliner, false lashes and mascara are not permitted.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN

We request that children have sunscreen applied on all exposed areas before arriving at school. CHS staff will encourage and assist to reapply after midday for FULL DAY learners under the age of 11 years.

Parents must also send a sunscreen, clearly labelled with the child’s name, to keep at school.

As sun safety is of great concern, all children must have a school hat for outdoor activities, as well as travelling to and from school. The rule **"No hat, No play"** applies to all class activities and lunchtime play.

SOME GUIDING PROCEDURES:

A standard letter is used to inform parents of any concerns regarding their child's school uniform.

Parents are then given a period of time to act on the letter.

Parents have the responsibility for overseeing the wearing of correct school uniform.

Any ongoing problems are to be referred to the Principal or SGB, who in turn will discuss concerns and disciplinary action should it be agreed with parents.

UNIFORM ITEMS, PRICES AND ORDERING

The full list of uniform items, sizes, prices, care instructions and the uniform shop terms and conditions is in the separate CHS Uniform Guide and Price List, which is updated whenever prices change. Uniform from the CHS shop is ordered on the Uniform Order Form; GEM items are ordered online at GemSchoolwear.com. Returns or exchanges are not accepted for wrong sizes or washing damage, but faulty items may be returned in line with the Consumer Protection Act.

APPROVAL

ROLE	NAME	DATE
School Representative	Bonita Mellon	26 August 2025
SGB Representative	Anoeska De Villiers	26 August 2025