



Wednesday, 01 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you are all safe and well and gearing up to have your children check in and catch up with their Primary Schools this week! I am sure that they are really looking forward to seeing some friends and their teachers after such a long time away.

We have had a couple of queries regarding school uniform for September. Please see information below which answers some of your more frequently asked questions:

1. Given the current situation with the pandemic, will my child be expected to wear school uniform in September?

At present, we expect all pupils to return in full school uniform in September.

2. Which house will my child be in?

The house system has been phased out in favour of a simplified year group pastoral structure, therefore your child will not be allocated a house when they join Chepstow School this year.

3. Who is the official school uniform supplier?

Our official uniform supplier is [Initially Yours](#) based in Hambrook, South Gloucestershire. Certain items of our uniform are only available to purchase through this supplier such as our Blazer, Tie, PE Polo Shirt, Long Sleeve PE Top and optional Unisex PE Hoody.

4. There are some items I do not want to purchase from the official uniform supplier, how will I know if they are compliant?

We have published a Uniform Expectation Guide on our website which will answer any of your questions and can be viewed here:

<https://www.chepstowschool.net/en/our-school/uniform>

5. Which colour and style school tie/PE kit will we receive when we place our order with Initially Yours?

The house system and subsequently, colours have been phased out.

- Ties: If pupils still have old house colour ties passed down from siblings, they will be able to wear them this year. However new purchases will be the whole school tie design as per Initially Yours' website.
- Unisex PE Polo Shirt: We are allowing our supplier to run down old stock of house colours, therefore when you place an order you will be allocated a random colour in the sizing available.
- Unisex Long Sleeve PE Top: This is only available in red/black but the style you are issued will depend on stock levels as our supplier has a mix of older and newer styles in stock. Again, this will be allocated randomly and both styles are approved uniform.



6. When ordering with Initially Yours, if I select the free delivery to school option, when can I collect my order?

Items ordered online via Initially Yours with the free delivery to school option will be available to collect from week commencing 17th August 2020.

7. What is the deadline for placing orders with Initially Yours?

The deadline for orders for this delivery option is 31st July 2020 however, our supplier has recommended ordering sooner than later to ensure all orders can be fulfilled in time for the start of the Autumn Term.

8. Can I get help with the cost of purchasing School Uniform?

Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals entering Reception, Year 3, Year 7 or Year 10 as of September 2020 may also be entitled to a clothing grant. More information can be found at the back of our Uniform Expectation Guide and via the Monmouthshire County Council website here: <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/counciltaxandbenefits/fsm/>

Your child's Form Tutor will be getting in touch shortly to introduce themselves and to welcome their new class to Chepstow. Please feel free to get in touch with your child's tutor with any queries that you may have. Their details are on the transition page of the website.

We continue to have brilliant entries from Year 6 pupils in response to our Chepstow Challenges! Thank you so much; they really are a fantastic insight into the talents of this up and coming year group. Remember to check for updates here: <https://www.chepstowschool.net/transition>

Thank you all for your continued support at this time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions.

Warm wishes,

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