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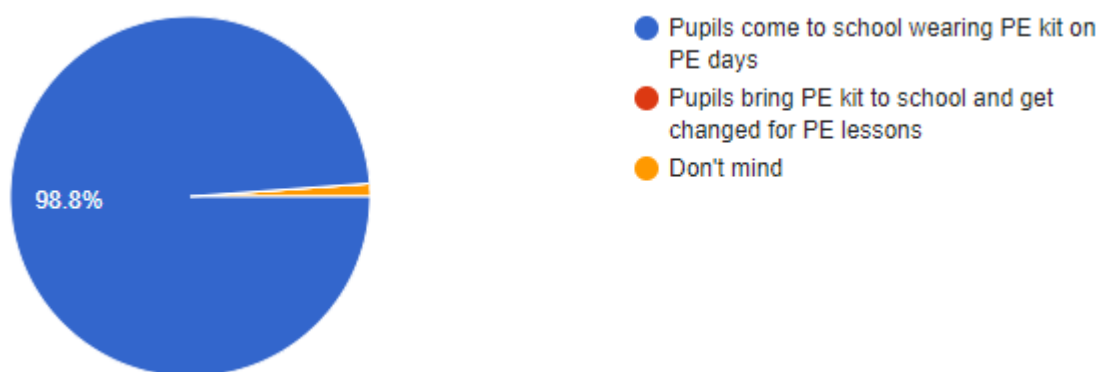
Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of important information for you within this letter - thank you for taking the time to read it. Firstly, we have recently asked for your views on two issues, PE kit on PE days and new timings for the school day, and I would like to start by reporting back on these.

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## PE kit on PE days

Thank you so much to all those who responded to this survey - as expected, response was overwhelmingly positive about this arrangement as shown below:



I can confirm that in the new school year we will be keeping the practice of pupils attending school in full PE kit on the days when they have PE on their timetable. We have listened to concerns raised about the durability of the PE leggings and have raised this with our supplier and we have also added a less costly black jogger to the uniform options for September.

It is essential that pupils wear the correct uniform/kit on the correct days; this avoids confrontation and pupils being sent home to change.

A full summary of our school uniform rules are included at the end of this letter for your reference.

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## Times of the school day from September

We can now confirm that the times of our school day for September will be as follows:

Gates open	8:15am
Doors open	8:30am
Registration	8:40am (All pupils must be in their form room by this time)
Period 1	9:05am
Period 2	10:05am
Break	11:05 - 11:25am
Period 3	11:25am
Lunch	12:25 - 1:05pm
Period 4	1:05pm
Period 5	2:10pm

Finish 3:10pm

Again, we would like to thank all those who offered their views and we would like to take this opportunity to address some of the common issues raised.

**(a) Queue times are too long and so some pupils don't get to have lunch.**

This simply isn't the case. Yes there are queues, (we have to feed 1150 pupils!) but they are currently finished within 15 minutes of the start of lunchtime. The lunchtime will be extended to 40 minutes in September which will ensure that all five year groups have plenty of time to get lunch, and we are opening a new dining provision at the side of school to reduce queues even further. We have found that some pupils choose not to queue but there is little we can do about this. Members of our Governing Board observed lunch provision earlier this term to review the current queues and were reassured that pupils do have ample time to purchase and eat lunch, visit the toilets and get some fresh air should they wish to.

**(b) Some pupils may struggle to cope in a crowded dining area**

There will be a number of zones available to pupils at lunchtimes next year:

A quiet room and playground for our most vulnerable pupils which will be run by the Inclusion Team.

A quiet supervised work area available to pupils from all years.

The library will be open to pupils from all year groups for quiet reading.

Year 7 will have their own designated playground for at least the first term to enable them to settle.

Additional outdoor seating will be available for all year groups.

**(c) School finishing later affects the collection of younger siblings from primary school.**

Firstly, Flowery Field Primary are also extending their school day and will finish just after Hyde pupils so this should not pose a problem for families with children there. Extra clubs and activities are available every night after school including sports, music and homework club which would enable a later pick-up from Hyde if needed.

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### **A cash free school**

From September, we are updating our school systems and from September **pupils will no longer be able to put money onto their dinner cards by bringing cash into school** - all credits must be made via ParentPay. If you have not yet logged on to ParentPay and have lost your login details, please contact school as soon as possible via [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk) putting ParentPay in the subject line.

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### **School library books**

Please encourage your child to return any school library books before the end of the week; many thanks for your support with this.

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### **Preloved uniform**

Last summer we ran a pop-up uniform shop during the summer holidays to give families the opportunity to purchase clean, good condition school uniform at a fraction of the normal retail price. After the success of last year's 'shop' we are planning to do this again on Tuesday 8th August from 10:00am - 12:00pm. We would welcome any donations of clean, good condition uniform that has plenty of wear left in it; this can be left at Reception at any point this week. The most 'in demand' items last year were blazers and PE bottoms so any donations of these would be very much appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to browse our pop-up shop in August and grab a bargain - recycling contributes to the protection of our environment and can save money at the same time; win-win!

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### **School ties and bags**

From September, each year group will have their own tie colour and so to avoid any additional cost to families, **pupils currently in Years 7 to 9 will be issued with a new tie on the first day of term**. We would like children in these year groups to bring in their current tie on the first day back in September to swap it for their new one. Year group colours will be as follows:

New Year 7 - **blue** with a **red** stripe

Current Year 7 moving into Year 8 - **blue** with a **gold** stripe

Current Year 8 moving into Year 9 - **blue** with a **green** stripe

Current Year 9 moving into Year 10 - **black** with a **gold** stripe

Current Year 10 moving into Year 11 will keep their current tie colour (**black** with a **red** stripe).

There is also an **expectation that every pupil brings an appropriate school bag every day**. Small 'handbag' style bags will not be permitted from September and bags need to be large enough to hold an A4 folder.

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### **Support during the holidays**

As we approach the summer period, please find here some information from Kooth about support for students and a support service (Qwell) available for parents and carers.

Kooth.com & Qwell.io offer free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children, young people and adults across Greater Manchester. Kooth.com is available for ages 10-25 and Qwell.io for ages 18+, to give young adults a choice between platforms.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. Children and young people can access support, simply by registering at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) and adults at [Qwell.io](http://Qwell.io) using non-identifiable information.

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, you can access support for ANY issues you may be experiencing. On Kooth, these may include; body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school etc. On Qwell, these may include: stress and anxiety, self-esteem, bereavement, family breakdown, substance misuse, cost of living concerns, suicidal thoughts, friendships, work related stress etc.

All their BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can still message the team 24 hours a day to get a next day response.

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### **Arrangements for the start of term in September**

Term starts for pupils on Tuesday 5th September.

Year 7 - arrival from 9:50am for a 10:00am start

Years 8 to 11 - arrival from 10:50am for an 11:00am start.

School will finish at the (new) normal time of 3:10pm.

The normal start time of 8:40am applies for all pupils from Wednesday 6th September.

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## Arrangements for the end of this term

School will finish at 12:00 midday on Friday 21st July. This will be a non-uniform day for all pupils (no donations required), however we do need all pupils to dress appropriately for a school environment. No bare midriffs please and no slogans which may offend others. We reserve the right to ask pupils to go home to change if they are not appropriately dressed.

School Reception will close at 12:15pm on Friday and is not manned during the summer holidays; should you need to contact us please email [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk)

We say a fond farewell on Friday to a number of our staff team: Dr Allott (Head of Science) is leaving us, as is Mr Power (Computing) and Mrs F Johnson (Maths); also moving on to new adventures are Miss Piddington (Inclusion) and Mrs Curry (Inclusion). I would like to thank each of them for their outstanding work with our pupils and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

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And so it's time to sign off my last ever newsletter. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve our school community for 34 years and I know that Mr Houghton will expertly lead the school onwards and upwards from September. It has been such a joy to teach the wonderful subject of Mathematics to so many pupils over so many years - many of whom now have children of their own at our school. And, of course, it is always so lovely to hear about the successes of our past pupils - qualifications achieved, the jobs they have, their families...each one will always be part of Team Hyde. When we moved onto this site in 2012 and had to say goodbye to our old building, my first boss Barry Cooke wisely wrote "Some things you get right, others wrong. However if everything is focused on helping youngsters to improve their life chances then the direction of travel is for the right reason." I am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to contribute to Hyde High School's direction of travel over the course of my working life.

I would like to thank pupils (past and present) and families alike for your investment in and support for this fabulous school. It's a special place because of the special people within it and I will miss it sorely. I wish you all good health and happiness and, of course, a lovely summer break.

Very best wishes,



Andrea Radcliffe  
Headteacher

## School Uniform

*ready, respectful, safe*



# Acceptable Uniform



**KS4**

Smartly groomed hair

Short / long sleeved  
white shirt

HHS tie  
(blue for years 7, 8 & 9)  
(black for years 10 & 11)

HHS jumper (optional)  
(blue for years 7, 8 & 9)  
(black for years 10 & 11)

HHS black blazer

Black tailored  
trousers or skirt

Black or white socks

Plain black shoes

Jewellery is not permitted,  
apart from a wristwatch



**KS3**

### PLEASE NOTE

Just because retailers sell items in their uniform section does not mean that they will be acceptable. Please follow these guidelines to ensure that you do not buy incorrect clothing. The headteacher's decision is final on all issues relating to uniform.

## Guidance on school uniform

Blazer	Black blazer with school logo.
Trousers*	Smart, plain black tailored trousers that sit below the ankle bone. <b>Not allowed:</b> leggings; hipsters; ankle grazers; skinny trousers; jeans-style trousers; harem pants; denim; other fashion trousers.
Skirt*	Smart, plain black school skirt no more than 10cm above the knee. Skirts must be worn with shoes, not boots. <b>Not allowed:</b> skirts to be 'rolled up'; skirts made of lycra or jersey; skirts with splits; tube skirts.
Shirt	Plain white, long or short sleeved school shirt. Shirts must have a high collar allowing a tie to be worn. Shirts must be tucked in.
Tie	Blue (Year 7, 8 and 9) or Black (Year 10 and 11) school tie.
Jumper (optional)	Year 7, 8 and 9: Royal blue v-neck jumper with school logo to be worn underneath the blazer. Year 10 and 11: Black v-neck jumper with school logo to be worn underneath the blazer.
Socks/Tights	Plain black or white socks which cover the ankle but fit below the knee <b>or</b> plain black opaque tights. <b>Not allowed:</b> trainer socks, coloured socks, socks with frills or bows; tights with rips/holes.
Shoes*	Plain black, formal school shoes. <b>Not allowed:</b> trainers; pumps; coloured laces, logos, flashes or glitter; platform soles; high heels; canvas shoes. As a rule of thumb – if it can't be polished, it isn't a 'shoe'. <b>Please note</b> shoes that look like trainers are not allowed. Despite some retailers advertising these as school shoes, they are not permitted (for example Kickers Tovni).
Outdoor wear	Coats, hoodies, hats, scarves and gloves must be removed immediately on entry to the building.
PE Kit	Royal blue polo shirt with school logo. Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with school logo. Trainers* ( <b>Not allowed:</b> high tops, fashion trainers, canvas trainers) Black or white socks. Year 7, 8 & 9: Royal blue PE hoodie with school logo to be worn underneath the blazer. Year 10 and 11: Black PE hoodie with school logo to be worn underneath the blazer.
Hair and headwear	Hair must be neatly groomed and a natural colour. A plain black hijab may be worn for faith reasons only; this should not have any patterns, fringes or tassels and must be worn neatly. Headbands, clips, bows and bobbles should be small and plain black.

	<p><b>Not allowed:</b> unnatural colours, extreme hair styles, 'skinheads', 'mohican', etc; shaved lines or patterns, tramlines, shaved lines in eyebrows, extensions or beads.</p>
Jewellery	<p>Only a wrist watch is allowed.</p> <p><b>Not allowed:</b> smart watches; necklaces; bracelets; rings; anklets; tongue or facial piercings; tongue or nose retainers; ear spacers, stretchers or tunnels.</p>
Makeup	<p>Year 7, 8 and 9 – no makeup allowed.</p> <p>Year 10 and 11 – a discreet layer of foundation if necessary; discreet mascara.</p> <p><b>Not allowed:</b> fake tan, false eyelashes, eye liner, blusher, lipstick/lip gloss. Tattoos are not allowed in school; it is illegal to tattoo anyone under the age of 18, even with parental consent and so any seen will be reported.</p>
Nails	<p>Natural nails should be an appropriate length.</p> <p><b>Not allowed:</b> Nail varnish, gel, art or false nails/extensions.</p>

\*Further guidance on our school website. Please check if unsure.