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### September 2026 – New Uniform Legislation

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, from September 2026 the Government is introducing new legislation requiring all schools to limit the number of compulsory branded uniform and PE items. This requirement is designed to ensure that school uniform remains affordable for families.

In preparation for this change, we have reviewed our uniform policy to make sure it meets the new Department for Education guidance. For Hornchurch High, the change is minimal as we already met this guidance. The guidance states that schools should keep compulsory branded items to three or fewer (or four items for secondary/middle schools if one of them is a tie).

#### **Our compulsory branded items from September 2026 will be:**

1. School tie
2. School blazer
3. PE polo shirt
4. PE shorts **or** trackpants

These four items comply with the guidance because one is a tie. All other items in the uniform i.e. trousers and shirts can be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet the school's stated style and colour requirements.

#### **Trousers and Skirts**

The default and standard uniform for all students is black tailored trousers. These are non-branded, widely available, affordable and meet the Department for Education's guidance on limiting compulsory branded items.

For families who wish their child to wear a skirt, we provide a **single school-approved skirt option**, which came into effect from September 2025 for all new starters, or parents/carers seeking replacement items. Wearing a skirt is optional, not compulsory and only the approved school skirt is permitted to ensure a consistent and professional appearance.

Black tailored trousers must be made from a woven, non-stretch or minimal-stretch school-trouser fabric and have a tailored straight-leg style. Jersey, stretch, skinny-fit, tight-fitting, flares or denim-style trousers are not permitted. Tailored trousers are widely available from supermarkets and high street retailers.

#### **PE Kit**

The compulsory PE kit includes:





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- PE polo shirt
- PE shorts **or** trackpants

For families who prefer, or for religious or cultural reasons, students may wear school-approved PE trousers (trackpants) instead of shorts. Wearing PE trousers is optional, and only the school-approved style is permitted to ensure consistency and a professional appearance.

All other PE items, including optional branded training tops or hoodies, are not required and may be purchased if families wish.

### **Optional Branded Items**

Additional branded items are available through our supplier, such as the school jumper or multi-sports top. These items are not required, but families may purchase them if they wish. The school jumper is a popular choice but not required. This approach ensures that our uniform remains affordable, while giving families the option to buy additional items if they choose, in line with the Department for Education's guidance, which states that schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items ([DfE guidance, GOV.UK](#)).

### **Affordability and Access**

We remain committed to keeping uniform costs as low as possible. Our suppliers have confirmed competitive pricing for the branded items and all non-branded items may be purchased from any suitable retailer. If any family is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school in confidence so that we can offer support. We also have a *Pre-loved Shop* that provides affordable, quality items, helping families save while promoting sustainability and community support.

Full details, including approved styles and suppliers, are available on our website and from the school office. We have also enclosed a copy for your reference.

Thank you for your support in maintaining a clear, smart and affordable uniform for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Madhvani  
Headteacher





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### Boys Recommendations and Stocklists

Compulsory items	Outlet	Link	Price
Blazer	Havering School Wear	<a href="https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/">https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/</a>	£33 up to size 28" £36 size 29" to 33"
Tie			£6
PE polo shirt			£21 up to size 32/34.  £23 size 34/36.  £25.75 size 38/40 upwards
PE shorts or trackpants			£18.75 up to size 26/28.  £22.75 for sizes 28/30 upwards

Non-branded Items	Recommended Stockists	Item Style/Code (click link)	Price* as of Dec 25, age/size may affect price
Black Tailored Trousers	George Asda	<a href="#">Black Regular Leg Boys School Trousers 2 Pack</a>	£8
	Next	<a href="#">Black Regular Waist Straight Leg School Trousers</a>	£12
	Tu Sainsburys	<a href="#">2 Pack Black Trousers</a>	£14
	John Lewis	<a href="#">Boys' Adjustable Waist Slim Fit School Trousers, Pack of 2, Black</a>	£15
White long or short sleeve shirts	Tu Sainsburys	<a href="#">White Generous Fit Non Iron Shirts 3 Pack 3</a>	£4
	George Asda	<a href="#">White Boys Long Sleeve School Shirt 2 Pack</a>	£4.50
	Next	<a href="#">White Regular Fit 2 Pack Short Sleeve School Shirt</a>	£8-£16
	John Lewis	<a href="#">Boys' Long Sleeve School Shirt, Pack of 2</a>	£9-£15





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Black School Shoes	Next	<a href="#">Black Slip On Leather Loafer School Shoes</a>	£28
	M&S	<a href="#">Kids' Leather Lace School Shoes</a>	£36
	Shoezone	<a href="#">Black-Coated-Leather-Shoe-Shoezone</a>	£24.99

Optional branded, but <u>not required</u>	Outlet	Link	Price
School Jumper	Havering School Wear	<a href="https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/">https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/</a>	£20-£33.75
PE trousers			£28.00-£34.20
PE <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> zip track top			£28.50 for sizes 26/28 – 34/36
PE plain blue socks			£8.00-£10.25



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**Girls Recommendations and Stocklists**

Compulsory items	Outlet	Link	Price
Blazer	Havering School Wear	<a href="https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/">https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/</a>	£33 up to size 28" £36 size 29" to 33"
Tie			£6
PE polo shirt			£21 up to size 32/34.  £23 size 34/36.  £25.75 size 38/40 upwards
PE shorts or trackpants			£18.75 up to size 26/28.  £22.75 for sizes 28/30 upwards

Non-branded Items	Recommended Stockists	Item Style/Code (click link)	Price* as of Dec 25, age may affect price
<b>Black Tailored Trousers</b>	George Asda	<a href="#">Black Senior Girls Tapered Leg School Trousers</a>	£12
	Next	<a href="#">Black Plain Front School Trousers</a>	£12
	John Lewis	<a href="#">Girls' Adjustable Waist Button School Trousers, Black</a>	£13
	M&S	<a href="#">2pk Girls' Regular Leg Stain Resist Trousers</a>	£15
<b>Shirts</b>	George Asda	<a href="#">Long Sleeve Girls School Shirts 2 Pack</a>	£4.50
	Tu Sainsburys	<a href="#">Pleated Shoulder Blouses Long Sleeve 2 Pack</a>	£7
	Next	<a href="#">White Short Sleeve School Shirts 2 pack</a>	£9-£14





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	John Lewis	<a href="#">Girls' Slim Fit Long Sleeve School Shirt, Pack of 2, White</a>	£9-£15
<b>Black School Shoe</b>	Matalan	<a href="#">Black Basic Loafers</a>	£12.50
	M&S	<a href="#">Kids' Leather Loafer School Shoes</a>	£36
	Next	<a href="#">Black Patent School Chunky Tassel Loafers</a>	£26-£33

Optional branded, but not required	Outlet	Link	Price
Navy school skirt (navy, stitched down knife pleat 24" or 26" with logo)	Havering school Wear	<i>This skirt must be purchased from Havering School Wear (effective from September 2025). Link is below. Black tailored trousers are default.</i>	£21.50 / £25.00 various sizes
School Jumper	Havering School Wear	<a href="https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/">https://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/find-your-school-hornchurch-high/</a>	£20/ £33.75 Various sizes
PE trousers			£28 up to size 26/28. £34.50 size 28/30 upwards
PE ¾ zip track top			£28.50 for sizes 26/28 – 34/36 £30.50 Sizes 38/40
PE plain blue socks			£8 Size 2/5  £10.25 Sizes 6/13



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