

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look ahead to the 2026/2027 academic year, we want to share some positive updates that will support students' learning, wellbeing, and day-to-day experience in school. Two key areas we have reviewed are our school uniform and our approach to mobile phones, and we are writing to outline the changes that will be introduced.

School Uniform

We have recently reviewed our school uniform policy to make sure it continues to meet the needs of our students and families. As part of this review, we have made a small number of changes that will come into effect from September 2026.

To help reduce costs and give families more flexibility, only three items plus the tie will need to carry the school badge from next September: the blazer, the school skirt, and the PE T-shirt. All other items can be purchased unbranded, as long as they follow our colour and style guidelines. These changes reflect the Department for Education's statutory guidance on school uniform, which requires schools to keep branded items to a minimum and ensure that uniform is affordable for all families. Our updated policy has been developed in line with this guidance and been shared with the governing body.

We hope this makes uniform purchasing easier and more affordable. Full details of the updated uniform arrangements for September 2026 are below. Please note that until September the current uniform requirements remain in place.

Mobile Phone Pouches

From July 2026 our school will be moving to a mobile phone pouch system. For a number of years, we have had a clear policy that mobile phones should not be seen, heard, or used anywhere on the school site, and we remain extremely grateful for your continued support in upholding this expectation.

You will have seen that in recent months there has been a marked change in emphasis in discussions about mobile phones and young people. This is not restricted to the UK but is something that is being addressed across the world. In England, the Department for Education has updated their expectations for schools and they are clear that 'all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default'. You will also have seen that the government launched a consultation this week on *Growing up in the online world* to determine issues such as an appropriate digital age of consent. You may wish to respond to this at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>.

After careful consideration of the available evidence, we intend to meet the government expectation by introducing mobile phone pouches for students in Years 7-11. We believe this next step will further strengthen students' ability to focus, learn effectively, and engage positively during the school day. Research shows that even when phones are switched off, many young people continue to anticipate notifications or messages. This constant sense of alertness can significantly affect concentration in lessons and the quality of social interactions at break and lunchtime.

Over recent months, we have visited several local schools that have already introduced mobile phone pouches. We have taken time to understand the benefits, challenges, and practicalities of the system. Their experience has shown clear improvements in student focus, reduced distractions, and a calmer learning environment. We are also working closely with other schools in the area to ensure a consistent approach so that students recognise this as a positive and supportive measure across the local community.

The mobile phone pouch system is straightforward. Each student will place their phone into a secure, lockable pouch on arrival at school. The pouch remains locked throughout the day and can only be opened using a special unlocking device held by staff at the end of the school day. Students keep the pouch with them, but the phone remains inaccessible until they leave the site. As now, if a parent wishes to contact a student that can be done by ringing the school.

We understand that a small number of students may need access to their phone during the day as their phone connects to a medical device, such as those managing diabetes. In these cases, we will provide adapted pouches to ensure students can safely and appropriately access the technology they need. Our pastoral and medical teams will work directly with families to put the right support in place. We will share further details, including timelines, demonstrations before we launch the phone pouches.

If you have any questions please e-mail studentsupport@poyntonhigh.org.uk and we will create a FAQ document we will share with parents/carers.






Thank you once again for your ongoing support in helping us create the best possible learning environment for all students.

Yours faithfully,


Lesley Archer


Catherine Holyland

School Uniform – Compulsory Items

	<p>Item: A navy blazer with the school badge on the top pocket</p> <p>Available from: PSU or Monkhouse</p> <p>Note: The blazer sleeves must not be worn rolled up</p>		<p>KS3: A blue school style shirt KS4: A white school style shirt</p> <p>Available from: PSU, Monkhouse (Banner shirt/blouse) or similar can be purchase at M&S, Tesco, Asda, Next etc.</p> <p>Note: They can be short, ¾ or long sleeved. Shirts must be buttoned to the neck and tucked in. They cannot have an open neck, a visible t-shirt or an exposed midriff.</p>
	<p>Item: A navy school badged skirt - Minimum length 20 inches.</p> <p>Available from: PSU (code 3596) or Monkhouse (Poynton Navy Skirt)</p> <p>Note: The following are not allowed - a very short or tight skirt with splits in the seams. Any skirt that is not a school badged skirt.</p>		<p>Item: School clip-on tie – house colour</p> <p>Note: non-clip-on ties are not allowed</p>
	<p>Item: Black tailored trousers worn to the waist.</p> <p>Available from: PSU (code 3832), Monkhouse (Banner trouser) or similar can be purchase at M&S, Tesco, Asda, Next etc.</p> <p>Note: The following are not allowed - hipsters, joggers, jean-style, frayed, clingy jersey/Lycra material, or decorated trousers.</p>		<p>Socks: Plain black or white ankle socks</p> <p>Tights: Plain black or flesh-coloured tights</p> <p>Note: The following are not allowed - coloured or patterned socks, trainer socks or patterned tights.</p>

School Uniform – Optional Items

	<p>Item: V-neck navy jumper</p> <p>Available from: PSU, Monkhouse and M&S, Tesco, Asda, Next etc.</p> <p>Note: It can be with or without the school logo. The M&S jumper has a soft touch. The following are not allowed – Crew necks. Anything in sweatshirt style material, anything with a hood, zips or buttons, cardigans, not even under your blazer or on the way to and from school.</p>
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	<p>Item: A plain, narrow (2.5cm or less), black belt with a buckle</p> <p>Note: the following are not allowed - Coloured belts, belts with embellishments, or wide belts. No scarves</p>
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Plain coats can be worn to and from school. Coats are not allowed to be worn inside the classrooms.

<p>Hair</p> <p>Allowed: Natural hair colours only</p> <p>Not allowed: extreme styles including tramlines</p> <p>Make-up</p> <p>Allowed: Subtle, unobtrusive makeup</p> <p>Not allowed: Nail varnish or false nails</p>
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<p>Jewellery</p> <p>Allowed: One set of small studs</p> <p>Not Allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hoop earringsStretchersFacial piercings of any descriptionRings, beads, braceletsNecklaces, choker

Compulsory Items PE

PHS Sports Tee-Shirt



Plus at least one from:

- Navy blue sports leggings
- Navy blue football shorts
- Navy blue skort
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Navy blue football socks

(All must have limited branding)

Optional Items PE

- Plain navy blue sweatshirt which can only be worn for PE
- PHS branded ¾ top
- PHS branded sports leggings
- PHS branded football shorts

Extra Info

- Trainers required for PE lessons
- Suitable footwear for the field when have lessons on there (boots, older trainers)
- We recommend gum shields for Rugby
- If your child wear glasses, it is recommended that they wear prescription 'sports glasses' for PE lessons

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School Shoe Examples
Black Leather or Leather look



Poynton High School
Unsuitable School Shoes
No Canvas or Fabric
No Boots/High Tops

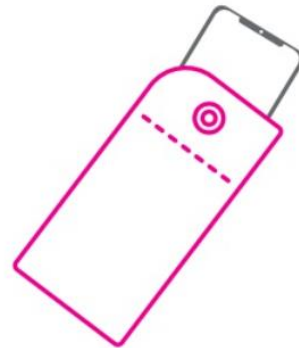


Mobile Phone Pouches

✓ How it works



INSERT



Insert your phone into the pouch

LOCK



Simply press the pin into the hole to lock closed

UNLOCK



Unlock by simply placing the locking mechanism near the magnetic base