

Admissions Information

Poynton High School

Digital Images

Occasionally we may take photographs or videos of the students at school. We use these images and videos as part of our school displays and sometimes in other printed publications like the newsletter and school sports updates. We will also use some on our school website and social media. We would like to enlist your support in the carefully controlled and monitored use of such images and videos.

There are significant benefits in using digital images in schools. Digital video and photography are an exciting medium that can motivate and inspire students. Research has shown that using digital images in education can encourage creativity, improve communication and team working skills and enthuse students. In addition, the use of digital images provides a good opportunity to promote the work of the trust and school.

We would therefore like to assure you that the Trust takes the issue of child safety very seriously. The school's Website Policy and the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation GDPR (EU) 2016/679 underpins any use of student images.

The above includes images appearing in any of the following formats:

- Video
- Photograph
- Webcam
- Printed publications
- Television
- Multimedia message services
- The trust and school's website*
- Social media*
- Optical Disk CD and DVD
- * Please note that websites and social media sites can be viewed throughout the world and not just in the United Kingdom where UK law applies.

We would therefore like to request your permission to use images of your child in any one of the formats, where appropriate, for educational or promotional purposes. Please indicate Yes/No on the Student Registration Form. Consent can be withdrawn at any time by emailing data@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

Internet Usage – Parental Agreement

As the parent/carer of the student, I give permission for my child to access networked computer services such as e-mail and the internet. I understand that students will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that although the school will take reasonable steps to ensure that my child is appropriately supervised, according to age and responsibility, I will not hold the school or the Local Authority responsible for inappropriate material that my child may obtain. I understand the school reserves the right to apply monitoring arrangements to any student in relation to network, e-mail and internet use as a safeguarding measure. I accept responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media. I agree to report any misuse of the network to the school.

Please indicate Yes/No on the Student Registration Form that you have read and understood the agreement.

Once on roll, all students will need to agree to the following:

As a school user of the internet, I agree to follow the school rules on its use. I will use the network in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school. I agree to report any misuse of the network to a member of staff. I also agree to report any websites that are available on the school internet that contain inappropriate material to a member of staff. If I do not follow the rules, I understand that this may result in loss of access to the internet as well as other disciplinary action.

Mobile Phones

Below are the school's guidelines on mobile phones on the school site. We introduced these guidelines in September 2017 and it has had a positive impact on the school and the feedback we have received from both parents and students has been supportive of the guidelines.

Students in Years 7 – 11 are not permitted to use mobile phones when on the school site. As a school we are convinced that mobile phones are a distraction and have serious concerns about the impact of their inappropriate use. We do know their use is reducing our students' ability to connect with one another socially on a day-today basis. We also believe that removing the distraction of mobile phones at school will impact favourably on our students' approaches to their studies and ultimately outcomes for all.

We do however, recognise that some parents want their children to carry mobile phones to school. The school rules therefore state that phones should not be seen or used in school. All phones should be switched off before they enter the school grounds and remain switched off. All phones must be kept out of sight in bags or lockers, students are not allowed to carry phones in pockets or on their person.

If a mobile phone is seen, heard or used in school it will be confiscated. Any phone that is confiscated will be kept in a secure location. Parents will be notified that their child's phone has been confiscated. Parents or an appropriate adult will be invited to collect the phone from the main school reception after a period of 24 hours has elapsed. If a parent wishes the phone to be returned to their child this will only happen following a period of 72 hours. We will not return phones directly to students. Any student who fails to hand in their phone when asked will receive a fixed term exclusion. Repeated failure to follow the policy may result in an increased fixed term exclusion or a temporary transfer to another school behaviour base.

Students must make sure their phone is switched off before they enter the school grounds and remain switched off while on school grounds. If students need to make a call at the end of the day to discuss arrangements with parents this must take place off the school grounds or after 3.15pm outside the school buildings. If a student needs to make an essential call during the school day they must go to their year team at break, lunch or after school to make the essential call.

Parents and carers should be reassured that they will still be able to communicate with students during the course of the school day through our established communication pathways. Please contact the school switchboard and a member of our team will be able to pass on any urgent messages to students.

These guidelines we believe have a positive impact on the school environment. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing our message at home.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Diagnostic Testing

As a school we conduct diagnostic testing to assess students' cognitive abilities. This is solely for educational purposes. The testing will take place on entry in Year 7 and be repeated in Year 9. The results of the testing will be shared with teachers and leaders at Poynton High School to help improve students' progress in learning.

Supplementary testing may be required at KS4 and KS5 for examination access arrangements. Students will sign a separate data protection notice for this testing as some results are shared with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

The testing does not require any prior learning or revision.

Please indicate Yes/No on the Student Registration Form to give your consent for this testing to take place.

Lockers

The school has lockers for students to rent. This facility was very expensive initially and there are continuing regular replacement and maintenance demands. The locker rental is £30 per student (non-refundable). This amount covers the cost of the same locker from year 7 to 11. There are sufficient lockers for all students.

Please indicate Yes/No on the Student Registration Form if you require a locker for your child.

Payment can be made via Parentpay once students are admitted.

Uniform

✓	A navy blazer with the school badge on the top pocket	×	The blazer with the sleeves rolled up
√	A navy school badged skirt from PSU/Monkhouse, length 20 inches minimum.	×	Any skirt that is not a school badged skirt
	Code 3596 Banner or		
	Charleston/Henley		
	Black tailored trousers worn to the waist	*	Hipsters, jean-style, frayed, clingy, Lycra, decorated or casual trousers
	Code 3832 Banner or <u>very similar</u>		
√	A blue school style shirt for KS3.	×	An open necked shirt
	A white school style shirt for KS4.		A visible tee-shirt
	Buttoned to the neck and tucked in.		An exposed midriff
	Short, ¾ sleeve or long.		
✓	Plain black/flesh coloured tights.	×	Patterned tights, coloured/patterned
	Plain black or white socks.		socks, trainer socks. Socks and tights.
✓	All black shoes suitable for school	×	Canvas/suede
	(Leather/leather look)		"Slipper-style" shoes or shoes with
			the backs crushed so that they slip
			on and off
			High-heeled/Stilettos
			Ugg Boot style
			Trainer/pumps/sports style shoes
√	School clip on tie – (House Colours)	×	Non -clip on tie

Optional Items

✓	A plain, narrow (2.5cm or less), black belt with a buckle	×	Coloured belts, belts with embellishments, or wide belts Scarves
✓	A navy V neck jumper with badge, with or without sleeves	×	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
✓	Subtle, unobtrusive makeup; natural hair colours only	×	 Extreme styles including tramlines Nail varnish False Nails
√	One small pair of stud earrings	×	 Large hoop earrings Stretchers Diamante earrings Facial piercings of any description Rings, beads, bracelets, strings etc. Necklaces, chokers
✓	Plain coat en route to school	×	Coats inside the school building

PHS PE Uniform - September 2021

PE Kit List:

Compulsory

Sports Tee Shirt Shorts or Skort Socks

Multisport Top (Boys)

Optional

¼ zip top Leggings with PHS logo Training Pants

Extra Info

- -Trainers (not pumps)
- -Studded footwear is required for Football and Rugby lessons
- -We recommend gum shields for Rugby
- -If your child wear glasses, it is recommended that they wear prescription 'sports glasses' for PE lessons



School uniform can be purchased from the following stockists:

F R Monkhouse - The Shopping Centre, Cheadle Hulme 0161 488 3410 www.monkhouse.com

Ann Taylor - P.S.U. of Poynton Ltd. – 01625 876 885

School Shop Opening Times - Mon & Thurs lunchtime and Tues night 7pm to 8:30pm

Term-time only, open summer holidays by arrangement.

Order online at

www.phs.uniform4you.co.uk

Password – Yewtree1





Cashless Catering

The school operates a cashless catering system which makes lunch-time more effective and exciting for all our students and relieves them of the need to carry money.

Years 7 – 11 use a swipe card to pay for their food. On admission each student will be issued with a lanyard and swipe card.

This system improves efficiency and keeps queues to a minimum.

- It ensures complete confidentiality for students entitled to free school meals.
- It is a unique verification. No one else can use the student's swipe card.
- It is an anti-bullying strategy as students do not need to carry cash.
- It ensures money provided by parents for school meals is used only for this purpose.
- It can provide parents with details of what their child is eating at lunchtime.

There are three ways in which money can be paid into an account:

- Payment by cheque payable to Chartwells.
- On-line Payment through Parent Pay.
- Cash there are revalidation units in school which means money loaded on the machine is automatically credited to their account.

Full details of the on-line payment methods will be distributed to parents and will be available on the school website.

If your child would like a school meal on the first day you will need to load money onto their Parentpay account, or they will need to bring cash with them and we will then manually load it onto their account.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Bus Information

- There are a number of public buses that travel to and from our school in addition to the dedicated transport provided by Cheshire East, through Transport Service Solutions (TSS).
- Public Buses

The 833 and the 891 services travel between Hazel Grove and Stockport, and Poynton High School. Timetables and details of how to purchase tickets are available on a link through our school website: https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/parents/transport-information

Cheshire East Buses

A number of routes are currently in operation to transport students between Disley, Marple, Macclesfield, Handforth and Cheadle, and Poynton High School. A full list of routes, cost and how to obtain a pass, are available on our school website: https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/parents/transport-information

- More information
 Transport for Greater Manchester:
 0161 244 1000
 www.tfgm.com
- Transport Service Solutions: 0300 123 5015 – Ask for Poynton High School Transport schooltransport@transportservicesolutions.co.uk http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooltransport/PHS

Collection of data relating to H.M. Service children in Education

In accordance with The Education (Information about Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, school is now required to indicate whether any pupil with a parent, step-parent, parent's civil partner or a person with parental responsibility, is a current member of the 'regular' armed forces and has been assigned Personal Status Category 1 or 2 by the Secretary of State for Defence or one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme or pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service are classed as service children.

If this applies to your household, please indicate Yes/No on the Student Registration Form. We are then required to pass this information onto Cheshire East Local Authority.

Privacy Notice

Our Privacy Notice is on our website, please click here to view.