

Benefits Service

Fact sheet - School Uniforms and Free School Meals



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Cheshire East Council does not provide grants for school uniforms.

Contact the school to see if they operate a scheme for recycling old uniforms or if they can assist. Contact details for the school can be found on Cheshire East web site:

[School organisation \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Uniform Exchange groups

Check for other groups set up to exchange uniform, many will be promoted on social media. The following are on Facebook:

- Cheshire Used School Uniforms
- Crewe & Nantwich School uniforms
- Middlewich school uniform, buy, swap and sell
- Sandbach schools uniform – swap, buy & sell

Alsager

All Alsager schools except Pikemere who have their own scheme:

Call in Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

Email uniform@alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk

Tel 01270 876605

Congleton & surrounding areas

(Alsager, Astbury, Brereton, Church Lawton, Eaton, Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Middlewich, Mow Cop, Rode Heath, Sandbach)

Charity: [John Holford Charity - Home](#)

Crewe & Nantwich area

Motherwell Community Share Hub, 54-64 Beech Drive Crewe CW2 8RJ

Search Facebook – Motherwell Community Share Hub

Open over the summer holidays, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 - 2 and every Saturday 11 - 3.

You can turn up to the Community Hub and browse the items or orders can be placed online:

[Request form - Motherwell Community Share Hub \(google.com\)](#)

Email: motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com

St Pauls Hightown – new & nearly new school shoes (families will need to be referred in through a health or social care professional)

Contact Details: Benefits@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Web site: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk **Tel No.** 0300 123 5013

Handforth & Knutsford

The Welcome
Handforth Youth Centre

Sandbach

It tends to be the individual schools that run them. Both the high schools have them & St Johns and Wheelock primaries have school uniform shops run by their PTAs as well.

Supermarkets v specialised shops

Many supermarkets are offering deals on cheap uniforms.

Most school shops also have a 10% reduction for July, so it can be worth purchasing some items sooner rather than later

Free School Meals

Check if you are entitled and make a claim:

[Free School Meals \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk)