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DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA-01
Dated: Shimla, the September, 2026

Directorate of School Education
24 SEP 2026
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

To

1. All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Secondary), Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Elementary), Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Principals of Government Senior Secondary Schools affiliated to CBSE, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: **Introduction and implementation of prescribed Student Uniform in Government Schools affiliated to CBSE in Himachal Pradesh-regarding.**

On the subject cited above, it is intimated that the Department of School Education has been considering the need for introducing a common, dignified, comfortable and climate-appropriate Student Uniform for Government Schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in the State, with the objective of strengthening school identity, discipline, equality, inclusiveness and a sense of belongingness amongst students. It is observed that a common and well-designed school uniform not only provides a distinct institutional identity to students but also contributes towards inculcating a sense of discipline, equality, belongingness and collective responsibility. A uniform further reduces visible socio-economic differences amongst students and promotes an environment in which students are encouraged to participate in academic, co-curricular, cultural, sports and other school activities with confidence and dignity.

Keeping in view the above considerations and the distinctive geographical and climatic conditions of Himachal Pradesh, the Student Uniform has been designed after taking into account the age group and educational stage of students, comfort, safety, ease of movement, durability, ease of maintenance, affordability and suitability for the varying climatic conditions prevailing across the State.

The prescribed uniform has accordingly been structured in age- and class-appropriate categories, namely: *(i) Balvatika (Pre-Primary); (ii) Classes 1–5 (Primary); (iii) Classes 6–12 (Middle and Senior); and (iv) Sports Uniform,* applicable to students of all classes. Separate summer and winter arrangements have been incorporated wherever considered necessary, particularly keeping in view the colder climatic conditions prevailing during winter in different

parts of the State. The prescribed Student Uniform shall have a common and distinctive colour identity based on ***Light Green, Forest Green, Sage Green, Charcoal Grey, White and Black***. The colour palette has been carefully chosen to impart a sober, dignified and contemporary character to the school environment, while ensuring practicality, ease of maintenance and visual consistency. The colours are also intended to complement the natural landscape and distinctive environmental character of Himachal Pradesh, while being well suited to the institutional character of Government schools.

The detailed specifications of the prescribed Student Uniform, including the category-wise uniform, summer and winter combinations, prescribed colours, footwear, socks, school belt, school cap, winter accessories and sports uniform, are enclosed as **Annexure-A** to this communication. A visual representation/sample of the prescribed uniform is enclosed as **Annexure-B** for ready reference and for ensuring uniformity in understanding and implementation.

The uniform prescribed for *Balvatika* and primary classes has been designed with particular emphasis on comfort, ease of movement, safety and age-appropriateness. For the younger students, the uniform shall be simple and practical, enabling them to participate freely in classroom activities, play, physical activities and other age-appropriate learning experiences. For students of Classes 1–5, the prescribed uniform shall maintain the same colour identity while providing age-appropriate options for boys and girls. The summer uniform shall comprise the prescribed *Light Green shirt with Charcoal Grey lower garments and Forest Green tie*, wherever applicable. For girls, the prescribed skirt/trouser arrangement may be followed as specified in the detailed guidelines. During winter, trousers and the prescribed *Forest Green sweater* shall be used so as to provide greater warmth and comfort. For students of Classes 6–12, the uniform has been designed to provide a more formal and mature appearance appropriate to the middle and senior school stage. Boys shall wear the prescribed *Light Green shirt, Charcoal Grey trousers and Forest Green tie*, with the prescribed *blazer/sweater* during winter. Girls shall wear the prescribed *Light Green Kameez/shirt with Forest Green Salwar & Dupatta*, or *Grey* trousers with the prescribed *Forest Green blazer/sweater* during summer/winter, as applicable. The Sports Uniform shall be common across all classes, with appropriate consideration for physical activity, mobility, comfort and safety. The prescribed Sports Uniform shall comprise the designated *White/Green Sports T-shirt, Forest Green track suits and suitable sports shoes*. The Sports Uniform shall be used during Physical Education periods, sports activities, practice

sessions, competitions and other activities where a sports-specific uniform is required. In view of the substantial variation in climatic conditions across Himachal Pradesh, schools shall ensure that the prescribed winter uniform and all-weather accessories are used appropriately. Students studying in colder and high-altitude areas may require additional protective clothing. Such clothing may be permitted in accordance with the prescribed colour scheme and the detailed guidelines so that the requirements of warmth and protection from adverse weather conditions are adequately addressed without compromising the overall identity of the school uniform.

The Heads of Institutions shall ensure that the prescribed uniform is implemented in a consistent, fair, dignified and child-sensitive manner. The purpose of prescribing a common uniform is to promote discipline and equality and not to cause inconvenience, embarrassment or undue hardship to any student. The prescribed uniform shall be simple, economical, durable and easy to maintain. The school authorities shall ensure that no unnecessary embellishments, decorative elements, additional accessories or non-prescribed items are made compulsory. No school shall introduce substantial changes in the prescribed colour scheme or basic design at its own level. The possibility of reuse of serviceable uniform items, particularly winter garments, may be encouraged wherever appropriate. The uniform shall be worn in a neat, clean and presentable manner. Students shall be encouraged to maintain personal cleanliness, proper grooming and orderly appearance. However, reasonable variations arising from climatic conditions, medical requirements, disability, injury or other genuine circumstances may be permitted by the Head of Institution. The common logo, when prescribed, shall be placed at the designated location and shall be of a standard size and appearance. Schools shall avoid excessive use of logos, badges, embroidery or other decorative features which may increase the cost of the uniform or detract from its simple and dignified character. It is also instructed that the prescribed uniform is communicated clearly to students and their parents/guardians sufficiently in advance. *The detailed uniform specifications and sample design shall be displayed at an appropriate place in the school and may also be communicated through the school's official communication channels so that there is no ambiguity regarding the prescribed items, colours or combinations.* It shall also be ensured that teachers and other staff members appropriately guide students regarding the uniform and that its implementation remains uniform across the school. The concerned Deputy Directors of School Education (Quality) shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the prescribed Student Uniform in

the Government Schools affiliated to CBSE falling under their respective jurisdictions. During school inspections and review meetings, adherence to the prescribed colour scheme, basic design and implementation guidelines may be reviewed. The prescribed Student Uniform shall be treated as a common institutional identity of Government Schools affiliated to CBSE in the State. Accordingly, schools shall endeavour to maintain consistency in colour, basic design and essential components so that students of CBSE-affiliated Government Schools across State are identifiable as belonging to a common State-supported educational system.

The prescribed Student Uniform, therefore, represents not merely a change in the colour or design of school clothing but forms part of the Department's broader objective of creating disciplined, inclusive, safe, confident and learner-centred educational institutions. The uniform is intended to reinforce school identity while simultaneously ensuring comfort, practicality, affordability and suitability for the diverse climatic conditions of Himachal Pradesh.

All concerned Deputy Directors and Heads of Institutions are, therefore, directed to ensure strict adherence to the enclosed guidelines and prescribed uniform specifications. Any deviation from the prescribed colour scheme or introduction of additional compulsory uniform components without approval of the competent authority shall be avoided. The prescribed Student Uniform shall be implemented with effect from the Academic Session 2027–28,

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Director of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

Endst. No. & Date: As above
Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. All concerned Principals, Government Senior Secondary Schools in Himachal Pradesh for necessary compliance.
3. The concerned Block Elementary Education Officers in Himachal Pradesh for necessary compliance.
4. Suptt. (s) G-I/II (General/Planning Branch/Budget Branch/Quality Cell) of this Directorate for information and necessary action.
5. In-Charge, -IT Cell of this Directorate for information with the request to upload the same to official website.
6. Guard file.

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ANNEXURE-A

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT UNIFORM IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AFFILIATED TO CBSE

1. **Objectives**: The prescribed Student Uniform is intended to promote discipline, equality, a sense of belongingness and common institutional identity amongst students of Government Schools affiliated to CBSE in the State. It is also intended to minimise visible socio-economic differences, promote confidence and dignity among students and provide a simple, practical, comfortable and climate-appropriate dress system suitable for the diverse geographical and climatic conditions of Himachal Pradesh.
2. **General Principles**:- The Student Uniform shall be simple, dignified, age-appropriate, comfortable, durable, economical and easy to maintain. The design and colour scheme shall be implemented in a manner that provides a distinctive identity to CBSE-affiliated Government Schools while ensuring that the uniform does not cause unnecessary financial burden or inconvenience to students and their parents/guardians. The uniform shall facilitate free movement and participation of students in academic, co-curricular, cultural, sports and other school activities.
3. **Uniform Categories and Broad Classification**

Sr. No	Category of Students	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
1	Balvatika *(Pre-Primary)*	Light Green Polo T-shirt with Charcoal Grey Shorts; White socks with Forest Green stripes; Black school shoes; Forest Green school cap	Light Green/approved upper garment with Charcoal Grey trousers; Forest Green sweater/Blazer; appropriate socks; Black school shoes; Forest Green woollen cap, wherever required
2	Classes 1–5 *(Primary)*	Light Green shirt with Charcoal Grey trousers/skirt; Forest Green tie; Black belt; prescribed socks; Black school shoes; School cap, wherever applicable	Light Green shirt with Charcoal Grey trousers; Forest Green sweater/Blazer; prescribed socks; Black school shoes; appropriate winter accessories
3	Classes 6–12 *(Middle & Sr. Senior)*	Boys: Light Green shirt, Charcoal Grey trousers, Forest Green tie, Black belt and Black shoes. Girls: Light Green Kameez/shirt and Forest Green Salwar & Dupatta/Grey Trousers and Black shoes	Boys: Light Green shirt, Charcoal Grey trousers, Forest Green tie and Forest Green blazer/sweater. Girls: Light Green Kameez/shirt with Forest Green Salwar & Dupatta/Grey Trousers and Forest Green blazer/sweater

4	Sports Uniform – All Classes	White/Light Green Sports T-shirt with Forest Green track suits and suitable sports shoes	Same Sports Uniform, with suitable additional winter sportswear as required by climatic conditions

4. **Standard Colour Palette**

Colour	Principal Use
Light Green	Shirt / Polo T-shirt
Forest Green	Blazer / Sweater / Tie / Sports / Accessories like Ribbons, hair bands/*Patkas* or turbans.
Charcoal Grey	Trousers / Skirt / Shorts
White	Socks / Sports T-shirt
Black	Shoes with main uniform and white with Sports uniform / Belt

Note:

i. The prescribed logo/emblem of the Government CBSE Schools shall be prominently embroidered, printed or engraved, as applicable, at the designated place on shirts, blazers, sweaters, T-shirts, tracksuits, jackets, belts, sports caps, woollen caps and mufflers.
ii. Shirts and sweaters may be half-sleeved or full-sleeved, depending upon the prevailing weather and climatic conditions of the area.
iii. Socks may be cotton or woollen and may be short or long, as appropriate to the prevailing weather and climatic conditions of the area.

5. **Balvatika (Pre-Primary)**:- The uniform for Balvatika students shall primarily focus on comfort, safety, ease of movement and age-appropriateness. The summer uniform shall comprise the prescribed Light *Green Polo T-shirt with Charcoal Grey Shorts, appropriate socks and black school shoes, along with the prescribed Forest Green school cap wherever applicable*. During winter, the warmer/inner wears, including *Charcoal Grey trousers, Forest Green sweater/Blazer and appropriate winter accessories*, shall be used according to the climatic conditions of the concerned area.
6. **Classes 1–5 (Primary)**:- For students of Classes 1–5, the prescribed uniform shall maintain the common State-level colour identity while ensuring that the design remains suitable for the primary school age group. During summer, boys shall wear the prescribed *Light Green shirt with Charcoal Grey trousers and Forest Green tie, along with the prescribed belt, socks and black school shoes. Girls shall wear the prescribed Light Green shirt with the approved Charcoal Grey lower garment, Forest Green tie, prescribed socks and black school shoes.* During winter, the prescribed *Forest Green sweater and Charcoal Grey trousers* shall be used along with appropriate winter accessories as per the climatic requirements of the area.
7. **Classes 6–12 (Middle and Senior)**:- For students of Classes 6–12, the uniform has been designed to provide a comparatively formal and mature appearance

appropriate to the middle and senior school stage. *Boys shall wear the prescribed Light Green shirt, Charcoal Grey trousers and Forest Green tie during summer, with the prescribed Forest Green blazer/sweater during winter. Girls shall wear the prescribed Light Green Kameez/Shist with Forest Green Salwar & Dupatta/Grey Trousers, along with the prescribed Forest Green blazer/sweater during winter, as applicable.* No skirt shall be prescribed for Classes 6–12.

8. **Sports Uniform**:- The Sports Uniform shall be common for students of all classes and shall be designed primarily for comfort, mobility, physical activity and safety. The prescribed Sports Uniform shall comprise the designated *White/Green Sports T-shirt, Forest Green track suit and suitable sports shoes, along with the prescribed sports cap*, wherever required.
9. **Winter and All-Weather Accessories**:- Keeping in view the climatic conditions of Himachal Pradesh, students may use prescribed *Forest Green school/woollen caps, Forest Green scarf with prescribed stripes, Forest Green gloves and other weather-appropriate accessories* as prescribed. In colder and high-altitude areas, additional protective clothing may be permitted without compromising the overall colour identity and dignity of the uniform. Further, it may be noted that:-

    i. No oversized or revealing earrings or jewellery shall be permitted in schools, except during cultural events or other occasions specifically approved by the school authorities.
    ii. Girls with short hair shall wear a forest green hairband with black hairpins or two ponytails tied with forest green ribbons. This provision shall apply to girl students up to Class X.
    iii. Girls with long hair shall wear two neatly made braids tied with forest green ribbons. Girl students of Classes XI and XII may, however, wear a single ponytail or braid tied with the prescribed forest green ribbon.
    iv. Boys shall maintain their hair neatly trimmed and well groomed.
    v. The prescribed school uniform shall be clean, properly ironed and worn in a neat and clean manner with well polished/clean shoe.
    vi. All students shall carry a clean handkerchief as part of their daily school attire.

10. **Footwear**:- Regular school footwear shall preferably be simple, safe, comfortable and *black* in colour. White sports shoes shall be used during Physical Education and sports activities and should provide adequate grip, stability and comfort.
11. **School Belt and Emblem/Logo**:- Where a belt is prescribed, it shall be *black* and may bear the approved school emblem. The school emblem/logo shall be used in a standardised manner and shall not be unnecessarily enlarged or embellished.
12. **Uniform Maintenance and Personal Grooming**:- Students shall be encouraged to wear the uniform in a *neat, clean and presentable manner and to maintain proper personal hygiene and grooming*. Uniform items shall be kept clean and properly maintained.
13. **Climate Adaptability**:- The uniform shall accommodate the diverse climatic conditions of Himachal Pradesh. In colder regions, appropriate additional winter

protection may be permitted without compromising the overall colour identity and dignity of the uniform.

14. **Inclusion and Reasonable Accommodation**:- Reasonable modifications may be permitted in genuine cases involving disability, medical requirements, injury, physical limitations, extreme climatic conditions or other circumstances requiring accommodation. Such accommodation shall be made without compromising the dignity of the student.
15. **Student Dignity and Sensitivity**:- Uniform compliance shall be promoted through guidance, communication and positive reinforcement. No student shall be subjected to public humiliation, derogatory remarks or discriminatory treatment for minor or temporary deviations.
16. **Communication to Students and Parents/Guardians**:- The Heads of Institutions shall ensure that the prescribed uniform, its colour scheme and category-wise requirements are communicated clearly to students and their parents/guardians sufficiently in advance. *The prescribed uniform design and guidelines shall be displayed at an appropriate place.*
17. **Responsibility of Heads of Institutions**:- The Head of Institution shall be responsible for ensuring proper implementation of the prescribed Student Uniform within the school, maintaining consistency in prescribed colours and basic design, preventing unnecessary variations, addressing genuine difficulties and ensuring reasonable accommodation wherever required.
18. **Uniform as Common Institutional Identity**:- The prescribed Student Uniform shall serve as a common institutional identity for Government Schools affiliated to CBSE in Himachal Pradesh. All concerned schools shall maintain consistency in the prescribed colour scheme, essential components and basic design.
19. **Participation in School Activities**:- The prescribed uniform shall not restrict students from participating in academic, cultural, vocational, adventure, community-service, sports or other educational activities. Appropriate activity-specific clothing, including the prescribed Sports Uniform, may be used wherever necessary.

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LEARN
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BELONG

Our Students Our Stronger Himachal

01 BALVATIKA (Pre-Primary)

PLAY | LEARN | GROW | BE HAPPY

SUMMER UNIFORM



BOYS GIRLS

WINTER UNIFORM



BOYS GIRLS

02 CLASS 1 – 5 (Primary)

BUILD HABITS | BE CURIOUS | BE CONFIDENT

SUMMER UNIFORM



BOYS GIRLS

WINTER UNIFORM



BOYS GIRLS

03 CLASS 6 – 12 (Middle & Senior)

ASPIRE | ACHIEVE | LEAD | MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SUMMER UNIFORM



BOYS (Trousers) GIRLS (Salwar Kameez)

WINTER UNIFORM



BOYS (Blazer + Trousers) GIRLS (Blazer + Salwar Kameez)

04 SPORTS UNIFORM (ALL CLASSES)

STAY FIT | STAY ACTIVE | STAY HEALTHY



BOYS GIRLS

KEY ELEMENTS (BALVATIKA)



Polo T-Shirt (Light Green) | Shorts (Charcoal Grey) | Sweater (Forest Green) | Socks (White with Green Stripes) | Shoes (Black) | Cap (Forest Green)

KEY ELEMENTS (CLASS 1 – 5)



Shirt (Light Green) | Trousers / Skirt (Charcoal Grey) | Tie (Green with Stripes) | Sweater (Forest Green) | Belt (Black) | Shoes (Black) | Cap (Forest Green)

KEY ELEMENTS (CLASS 6 – 12)



Shirt (Light Green) | Trousers (Charcoal Grey) | Tie (Green with Stripes) | Blazer (Forest Green) | Sweater (Forest Green) | Belt (Black) | Salwar Kameez (Light Green + Forest Green Dupatta) | Shoes (Black)

KEY ELEMENTS (SPORTS)



Sports T-Shirt (White/Green) | Track Pants (Forest Green) | Sports Shoes (White/Grey) | Sports Cap (Forest Green)

Important Notes:

- Skirts to be worn only in Summer season (Classes 1 – 5).
- In Winter season, girls shall wear trousers (Classes 1 – 5).
- In Classes 6 – 12, girls may wear either trousers or Salwar Kameez (in both Summer and Winter).
- No skirts in Classes 6 – 12.

COLOUR PALETTE (UNIFORM)

- Light Green (Shirt / T-Shirt)
- Forest Green (Blazer / Sweater / Tie / Sports / Dupatta)
- Sage Green (Accent)
- Charcoal Grey (Trousers / Skirt)
- White (Socks / Sports T-Shirt)
- Black (Shoes / Belt)

ALL-WEATHER ACCESSORIES (ALL CLASSES)



School Cap (Forest Green) | Woollen Cap (Forest Green) | Scarf (Forest Green with Stripes) | Gloves (Black/Grey)

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