



Eastbrook School

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm writing to introduce myself as the overall Headteacher of Eastbrook School for primary, secondary and sixth form. I am very excited to be taking over this role and look forward to meeting with you soon.

You will have seen in the media that the government is asking schools to review their uniform requirements to ensure that the purchase of a uniform is not a barrier for coming to school. To that end, you'll be pleased to know that I have started the consultation of our uniform policy to reduce the need for items with the school logo, thus making it easier for you to buy uniform wherever is easiest and cheapest for you. I'm very mindful that rise in fuel prices and the impact on the cost of living will be a huge worry for a lot of our families. I'm keen to do whatever I can to help alleviate some of the burden.

I'm afraid that this letter will come too late for most families, who have already purchased their uniforms. However, I wanted to clarify a few things that you may find useful:

#### Primary

- The bottle green and gold jumper and the PE T shirt are the only branded items. Please also note that the first PE T-shirt is provided by the school. We only ask you to purchase subsequent T shirts as and when they are needed. Details of uniform requirements for the primary school can be found at: <https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/primary/school-info/school-uniform/>

#### Secondary

- The school blazer has a logo and costs between £28 - £38 depending on size. The rest of the uniform can be purchased anywhere.
- The school tie (Years 7-11) costs £4.75 and can be purchased from [Premier Schoolwear](#).
- For PE, we require a plain white polo shirt that does **NOT** need to have the school logo on it. The rest is unbranded.
- The rugby shirt (for winter) does not have a logo and costs £17-20. This is used when we do PE outside, so it is not an essential purchase while the weather is still warm.

Full details of the uniform can be found on our school website at:

<https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/secondary/school-info/school-uniform/>

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**For sixth form**, we require formal smart business attire, which does not have any branding.

All students who receive free school meals are eligible to apply to our hardship fund if the family is having trouble meeting the cost of a new school uniform. Please contact your child's teacher (primary) or head of year (secondary) in the first instance. If you are not in receipt of free school meals, but are facing financial hardship, you may still apply, and we will look at these applications on a case-by-case basis.

Alternatively, we are in the process of setting up a facility to recycle second hand uniforms which are still in good condition; details of which will be shared with you early in the new term. I hope that this clarification helps.

I'm looking forward to meeting your child in the new term, which will begin with a staggered return as follows:

Monday 5th September

Year 7 – Arrive – 8:30 East Foyer / Dismissed 3:10

Year 12 – Arrive – 11:30 Sixth Form Area / Dismissed 2:30

Tuesday 6th September

Year 7 – Arrive – 8:30 East Foyer / Dismissed 3:10

Year 8 – Arrive at 8:30 / Dismissed 3:15

Year 9 – Arrive at 9:00 / Dismissed 3:15

Year 10 – Arrive at 9:30 / Dismissed 3:20

Year 11 – Arrive at 9:30 / Dismissed 3:20

Year 12 – Arrive – 11:00 Sixth Form Area / Dismissed 3:25

I am a huge advocate of working with parents in the education and wellbeing of your child. I intend to meet/survey parents soon, so please look out for information on that. I look forward to meeting you in person soon.

Best wishes

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