

6 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Uniform Policy Update - Secondary

We previously sent out correspondence regarding our school uniform on 11 July 2023.

To read our updated policy, it can be found attached with this letter or on our school website under policies here: <u>Uniform Policy</u>

From September 2023 all students will be required to wear plain black shoes.

Following our consultation period in January 2023, the decision to introduce shoes as part of our Uniform Policy, was delayed from April to September 2023.

Please see the below extract from the uniform policy:

Black shoes – Shoes must be plain black with black laces or a strap; no stripes; no logos. Shoes should be low-heeled. Low-heeled boots are acceptable only if worn with trousers. No DMs. No UGG boots. **Trainers or canvas trainers are not allowed; no high-tops or plimsolls.**

Yours sincerely,

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UNIFORM POLICY

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is an important part of belonging to the Eastbrook community. We believe that the smart appearance of students is an important part of their schooling. This is because education is the preparation for life beyond school and the world of work. We encourage a professional environment, where smart dress and appearance is paramount and indicative of the high expectations we have of ourselves. We expect students not only to adhere to the full uniform requirements, but also to be concerned about, and take pride in their general appearance, conforming to the standards expected by the school. Students should remember that correct uniform must be worn to and from school, as well as whilst in school.

Our policy on uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- engenders a sense of community and belonging to the School;
- is practical and smart and ensures that pupils are not treated differently due to the clothes that they choose to wear:
- promotes a sense of identity with the School;
- promotes a sense of pride in the School.

Any student not adhering to the uniform policy may receive one or some of the following sanctions until the uniform issues are corrected, such as:

- Parents will be requested to bring required items to school for their child.
- Removal from the general school population and supervised for all lessons and including break time and lunch time.
- Confiscation and parent collection of items that are not school uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

(PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 FOR CLARIFICATIONS)

Main Uniform

- Black blazer with school badge (The only branded item)
- Black tailored school trousers/plain black pleated knee length school skirt
- Black jumper or cardigan
- White shirt
- Tie
- Black shoes
- Plain black socks or tights
- Dark coat

PE Kit

- White polo shirt
- Black and gold reversible rugby top or black jumper
- Black shorts
- Black or white sport socks
- Football boots
- Trainers that are suitable to be worn on the school field
- Black tracksuit bottoms are only allowed between the months of November and February
 half term, unless it is required for a medical condition or religious status. In this instance a
 note is required and given to the PE department.
- Students who bring in notes not to partake in PE will still be expected to get changed into their PE kit to assist in the lesson in other ways, unless injury inhibits this.
- Students who are fasting are expected to bring in and change into their PE kit. Students are not required to participate physically, but can participate in a coaching capacity.
- The wearing of fitness tracker watches during PE lessons are encouraged.
- Lockers are in changing rooms for valuables. Student need to bring a lock (number coded rather than key) in order to use the lockers. Valuables are brought in at the students' own risk. The school will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.

CLARIFICATIONS

- Plain black tailored school trousers/plain black pleated knee length school skirt. Skirts
 must be at least knee length and with no side splits. Skirts must not be rolled up. Jeans, jean
 style trousers and leggings are not allowed.
- Black jumper or cardigan No logos or patterns. Sweatshirts and hoodies are not allowed.
- White shirt These must be formal shirts and with a collar, not polo shirts. Shirts must be tucked in and top buttons done up.
- **Tie** Must be worn to the correct length.
- Black shoes Shoes must be plain black with black laces or a strap; no stripes; no logos. Shoes should be low-heeled. Low-heeled boots are acceptable only if worn with trousers. No DMs, No UGG boots or similar.
 Trainers or canvas trainers are not allowed; no high-tops or plimsolls.
- **Black socks or tights** Girls' socks must be plain black and below the knee. Tights must be plain black, not patterned.
- Dark coat Must be dark and have no logos, patterns or markings of any kind and must be long enough to cover the blazer. These can be worn in the corridors but must be removed before entering a classroom.
- Students who wish to wear a **hijab** should ensure it is plain black.
- **Headbands** must be single width, plain black.
- **Belts** should be plain black, single width, with no large buckles.
- Watches Students are permitted to wear a wristwatch (smart watches are allowed except for in examinations).
- Jewellery Students are permitted to wear one pair of plain studded earrings (No diamante
 or multiple earrings/studs). Students are not permitted to wear bracelets or rings for health
 and safety reasons. <u>Face piercings, including nose and tongue piercings, are not permitted.</u>
- Nails Students are not permitted to wear false nails on health and safety grounds. <u>Nail varnish is not permitted.</u>
- Make up must be subtle.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Hair Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Children should not have decorative
 patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed unnatural colours. Hair
 weaves/extensions must match the natural hair colour. Hair should be Grade 2 in length and
 above on all parts of the head and undercuts are not permitted. Lines must not be cut in to
 hair or eyebrows.
- Students may wear any **scarf or gloves/sunhat or sunglasses** on the way to and from school or at breaks. These must not be worn anywhere inside the school building.

Equipment

All students require a **school bag** which will allow for A4+ sized books to fit inside without the edges becoming damaged. There are a number or items that a student needs in order to be able to take a full and active part in learning. All students should pack their bag with the following items every night:

- Student planner
- **Pencil case** with the following contents: 2 x black writing pens, 1 x green writing pen, 2 x highlighter pens, 2 x sharpened pencils, 1 x rubber, 1 x ruler.
- **Books/folders** for that day
- Current reading book