

Easthampstead Park Community School

School Uniform Policy



Our aim at Easthampstead Park Community School is for students to present themselves in school ready to learn and to wear their uniform correctly embodying our shared values of 'Respect and Pride'.

If the school has concerns about a student's uniform the parent/carer will be contacted as it is their responsibility to ensure that their child is correctly attired for the school environment. Where appropriate school sanctions will be applied for students in incorrect uniform. All uniform is to be named as the school's lost property service displays unnamed items for 2 weeks and, if it is not claimed garments are washed and sent to charity.

Should there be an emergency with a student's uniform a note in the diary is expected, along with a resolution date.

A description of the uniform can be found at Appendix A

Physical Education Department Policy and Kit

Full PE kit must be worn for all PE lessons, clubs and training sessions.

Safe practice dictates that appropriate clothing and footwear are vital in the Physical Education environment. Students may only wear the kits as per the uniform list. See Appendix B.

We expect every student to be fully equipped for PE lessons in order to appreciate the value and benefit of physical activities. If students cannot participate in the PE lesson they should still bring in their kit and a letter or note from their parents/carers in their school diary. This should include the date, the reason for being excused and the likely length of the absence and must be signed by the parent/carer.

Those students who have been excused from physical participation will be expected to take an active role in the lesson as an official observer, recorder or critic. In this event we will still expect the student to change into full PE kit; the student's teacher will provide additional tools for learning.

Tools for Learning

All students are required to be fully equipped for their lessons. All items of stationery are available for purchase or order from the school's Copy Centre before morning tutor and during morning break. It is strongly recommended that students have a clear pencil case and a green pen.

Additional information:

Make Up

Make up is not permitted for students in Key Stage 3. Discreet make up may be worn by students in Year 9 and above, natural in look and suitable for a working environment; excessive eyeliner, heavily applied foundation, bright lipstick and or blusher, false eyelashes and bright or patterned nail varnish styles are not permitted. Nails may be coated with a clear nail varnish. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make up and inappropriate nail varnish. Do not let your child bring make up, aerosols or perfume sprays to school as using these may trigger asthma attacks. Roll-on deodorants are permitted.

Jewellery

Please see the school's Jewellery and Body Piercing Policy March 2017 for full guidance but if in doubt do not wear it. All items are to be removed before participating in PE or PA lessons where the wearing of jewellery may be problematic and a Health & Safety risk.

Tattoos

It is illegal for children under 18 to obtain a tattoo with or without parents' consent. If tattoos are observed then the school will speak to parents/carers and inform police as an offence against a child has been committed. Post 18 the school understands that some tattoos can have a religious or cultural meaning and that banning tattoos could constitute discrimination on grounds of race, or religion or belief, which are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. Therefore the school requests that tattoos are minimised and covered up, whenever practically possible to minimise any visual impact they may have. Any tattoos that could be interpreted as inappropriate and offensive must be under no circumstances visible due to the impressionable nature of younger students. We would advise any student post 16 considering a tattoo, to consider that many employers insist that tattoos are covered and their choice of design and location of the tattoo may have an impact on their employability options in the future.

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Responsibility for Implementation and Review: Headteacher
Student Support Committee

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Appendix A

The Basics:

As a school we have kept the number of branded items* to a minimum to support inclusion. The uniform is available from Stevensons, 11-12 Market Place, Reading RG1 2EG. Telephone: 01189 5964625. E-mail: reading@stevensons.co.uk Website: www.stevensons.co.uk Please note there is a small delivery charge for online shopping.

All students must have the following:

1. **A navy blue school blazer*** with contrast piping with an embroidered gold school logo. A girls' and boys' style blazer is available.
2. **A blue double stripe clip on tie***
3. **A plain sky blue shirt** that can be buttoned up to the neck available from Stevensons and a wide range of high street suppliers.
4. **A pale sky blue summer polo shirt with a blue embroidered school logo*** (optional) can be worn during the summer term only. The polo shirts are available only from Stevensons.
- 5a. **Tailored grey trousers.** Trousers of this type for both girls and boys are available from a range of suppliers including the major supermarkets. Skinny fit or jeans styles are not permitted.
- 5b. **Girls option only – a plain navy blue knife-pleated skirt** – with no embellishments. The length of the skirt is to be on or just above the knee (suitable for a working environment). Skirts are not to be rolled up. The skirts are available from Stevensons, John Lewis (product code 5437480) and a similar style from Marks & Spencer (product code T760174).
6. **A navy blue cotton jumper** (*optional*) available from Stevensons or Marks & Spencer (product code T763908).
7. **A navy blue cotton cardigan with blue buttons** (*optional*) available from Stevensons or Marks & Spencer (product code T761341).
8. **Hijab** – Black or navy Hijab pinned under the chin to stay on the head comfortably. Hijabs worn around the neck are not permitted. A plain, discreet pin is to be used to fasten, no fancy pins are permitted. Hijabs are available from Stevensons.
9. **Kameez** – V-neck, sleeveless in black or navy and to be no longer than mid-calf (to be worn with tailored trousers). Available from Stevensons.
10. **Footwear – plain black** low heeled shoes which should offer your child support and shoes that can be polished. No trainers, canvas shoes, open-toed sandals, stilettos, sling-back shoes or boots of any kind including UGG styles as these do not give adequate support to students and put them at risk of tripping.
11. **Coat** – navy or dark colour with no obvious branded logos suitable for the British weather. Outer coats are not to be worn in the main buildings and lockers are provided to stow coats in during the day.

Any other items, for example hoodies, cardigans and noticeable tee shirts, highly visible branded clothing are not permitted in school.
12. **Socks or tights – plain black, navy or neutral** – they should not be worn together. Over the knee socks are not permitted.
13. **Hats** are not to be worn in and around school except on Sports Day.
14. **Extremes of hairstyles and hair colour are not acceptable.** Hair is to be suitable for a working environment and we would prefer long hair to be worn tied back to prevent the spread of head lice. No offensive patterns or logos are to be cut into either the scalp or the eyebrow. Hair bands or slides must be plain black or blue, thin hair bands only with no adornments.
15. **Belts** must be black or navy with no big buckles or logos.

Summer Basics:

An optional pale blue polo shirt with a navy school logo is available for use in the summer term only and this is worn with the blazer. Blazers may be removed in class at the teachers' discretion.

Should you require a modification to the uniform and appearance code for medical reasons please can you put your request in writing to the Headteacher so we are fully aware of any support your child may require.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

As a school we offer Year 11 the opportunity to purchase a Year 11 Leavers hoodies, when they arrive in school students are allowed to wear the hoodies on the way to school, on the way home from school during break and lunchtime. They are not permitted during lessons or assemblies.

Appendix B

Compulsory PE Kit

All items of kit must be labelled clearly with student's name. Any lost and found kit will be returned to the Welfare Office.

BOYS	GIRLS
Navy blue polo shirt with gold EP logo*	Navy blue polo shirt with gold EP logo*
Navy blue football shorts with gold EP logo*	Navy blue football shorts with gold EP logo*
Navy blue football socks	Navy blue football socks
White sports socks	White sports socks
Navy/sky blue, unisex, long-sleeved, multi-sports shirt with white EPCS logo*	Navy/sky blue, unisex, long-sleeved multi-sports shirt with white EPCS logo*
Trainers	Trainers
Correct footwear for 3G pitch: Moulded Boots, Blades, Football Studs – NO METAL TIPS/Astro Trainers	Correct footwear for 3G pitch: Moulded Boots, Blades, Football Studs – NO METAL TIPS/Astro Trainers
Shin pads (football and hockey)	Shin pads (football and hockey)
Gum shield (rugby/hockey)	
Towel	Towel
Water bottle	Water bottle

Recommended additional PE Kit

EP navy microfleece with gold EP logo* and navy track bottoms with EP logo*
Bag for wet/dirty kit
Change of underwear
Thin, non-restricting blue base layers for wearing underneath PE kit.

Dance uniform

For dance lessons students are to wear their PE kit with bare feet or trainers/pumps specifically for lesson use only.