

THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'



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Dear Parents/Carers

UNIFORM

I am writing to highlight a few issues we are having with uniform within the school. The great majority are smart and wear the Ecclesbourne uniform with pride. However, we would ask that you help us with the following.

Some students – possibly due to outgrowing their uniform - do not have the required skirt length or style or the correct colour and style of trousers. The school dress regulations for years 7-11 state that skirt length for girls must be worn on the knee and must be the full pleated skirt and for boys their school trousers must be charcoal grey and not black. They must be regular trousers and not the 'skinny jean type'.

Footwear must be shoes and not black trainers. Students should wear outdoor coats (black where possible) and NOT hoodies or sweatshirts.

We would also like to highlight that no jewellery other than a wristwatch and one STUD earring in each year is permitted for students Year 7-11.

We have talked to the children during assemblies in school about uniform so that everyone is clear about what is acceptable for school. Students know that they will receive a punishment for deviation from these rules. Please help us by ensuring that they support the spirit of the code which is printed on the reverse of this letter for clarification.

To allow parents and carers time to replace items of uniform we require all students to have the correct uniform within a week after parents/carers are informed.

Uniform checks will be carried out to ensure that all students are in regulation uniform.

We thank you in anticipation for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Ourabi or your child's Head of Year if you wish to discuss this matter or seek further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Petra Owen-Moore **Deputy Head**

Head of Lower School

Dave Duncker-Brown **Deputy Head**

Head of Upper School

The following attempts to clarify uniform expectations both in school <u>and</u> on the way to and from school. We are sure that you will agree that uniform only looks smart if it is worn correctly and to that end, once again, we ask for your support.

- Trousers should be worn on the waist. "Skinny" style trousers are not permitted.
- Shirts should be tucked into the skirt or trousers neatly not worn bloused over the waist band.
- Shirt buttons should be fastened to the neck.
- Ties should be tied conventionally not in triple [or more] knots. They should be tied up to the neck and should be long enough to reach the navel.
- NO make-up is allowed for years 7-9. A discreet amount of make-up is allowed for students in Upper school
- The only permissible jewellery is a wristwatch and one pair of stud ear-rings: one in each ear.
- Black knitwear is NOT permitted.
- The blazer should be worn at all times including travelling to and from School. Staff will give permission to remove the blazer in class as appropriate. Jumpers and cardigans are NOT an alternative to the blazer.
- Shoes must be black or brown and must be comfortable enough to wear throughout the school day.
 They should support your child's feet and protect them during practical lessons. Stiletto heels and
 other heels capable of damaging the school floors are not allowed nor are canvas plimsoll type shoes
 or black trainers.
- The only permitted scarf is the school scarf which is available to buy from the School Shop.
- Skirts should NOT be rolled over. The school skirt must reach the knee. The new style skirt is available from all of our school stockists. All skirts for years 7-11 must be the full pleated style. The older style is no longer permitted.
- IF SKIRTS/TROUSERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE ACCEPTABLE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ASKED TO CHANGE INTO A SKIRT OR TROUSERS OWNED BY SCHOOL. They will be issued with a letter and parents will be asked to replace the item of uniform. Our stockists have been informed that they should advise parents about what is considered appropriate at the time of purchase.