



Uniform Policy

2023/2024

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Our policy is based on the principles that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the students with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

Ellesmere Park High School accepts that there are counter-arguments, including teenagers' desire for self-expression, cost and inconvenience to parents, time taken by school staff in enforcing uniform at the expense of education, coupled with the inevitable wish for adolescents to rebel against any imposed uniform; on balance, however, the Local Academy Board agreed that uniform should be enforced.

We believe that uniform should be inclusive at all levels – socially, culturally and religiously. It should promote high aspirations, including high standards of achievement and behaviour. It should promote safety in that uniform should aid identification of students (and also of those who are not students) and should consist of clothing and accessories that are practical and safe for use in school. As far as practicable, uniform should be easily available at moderate cost.

1. School Uniform

- Plain black school trousers
- Plain pleated black school skirt, **must** be at least knee length
****If a student's skirt is deemed to be too short, parents/carers will be informed and an alternative will need to be brought in for their child***
- White collared shirt. ***Shirts must be tucked in at all times***
- Ellesmere Park blazer with logo. ***Blazers must be worn at all times***
- School tie
- Black opaque tights may be worn with a school skirt

Optional items

- Ellesmere Park plain black V-neck jumper. The jumper must have the school logo on it.

2. Footwear

- Plain black leather school shoes. **Some examples below:**



Items that are not permitted:

- Trainers of any kind. Examples below
- Boots
- Jumpers without the Ellesmere Park logo
- Leggings, jeans or chinos
- Hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated if worn into school
- Leather jackets
- Denim jackets

*Examples of footwear that are not permitted.



3. School Bag

Students **MUST** bring a ruck sack into school each day. A ruck sack not only provides the space

needed for books, equipment and PE kit but it is also more comfortable to carry and safer.

Examples of appropriate school bags below.



***Examples of bags are not permitted.**



4. PE Kit

- Plain black sports t-shirt
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black shorts

- Plain black squat proof sports leggings
- Appropriate footwear for the different activities

Optional items

- Ellesmere Park quarter zip long sleeved top
- Ellesmere Park black polo shirt
- Ellesmere Park waterproof jacket
- Plain black skort

***Items that are not permitted**

- Clothing that is not black
- Cycling shorts
- Clothing with excessive branded logos on it
- Jackets/coats

5. Jewellery, Piercings and Hair

- Students can wear one stud in each ear
- Nose piercings if worn, are to be a discreet stud (no rings or bull rings are to be worn)
- No Tongue piercings
- No Eyebrow piercings
- Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not to be worn
- False nails of any kind or nail varnish is not to be worn
- No False eyelashes
- Hair must be of a natural colour

Students who fail to follow our uniform expectations will be provided with our spare uniform. Refusing to change will result in students not being in mainstream lessons until they are in correct uniform. Failure to follow our PE kit expectations will result in negative points being added to ClassCharts and potentially school detentions.

The link below will take you to our uniform suppliers' web page.

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/swinton/ellesmere-park-high-school/>

We thank you in advance for supporting the school and ensuring your child has the correct uniform at all times.