



Ellenbrook Community Primary School

School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Our uniform is a positive expression of the ethos and values of Ellenbrook.

The wearing of our uniform should encourage pupils to treat each other and the school environment with respect. It should support pupils in learning how to dress in a manner appropriate to the activity being undertaken and the environment they are inhabiting.

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support this policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair and that their appearance follows the values of Ellenbrook.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts; white polo or cotton shirt; green Ellenbrook sweatshirt/fleece; white/grey socks, black school shoes.

Girls

Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts; white polo or cotton shirt; green check summer dress, Ellenbrook cardigan/fleece or sweatshirt etc. White/grey socks, black school shoes.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make - up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears (please see Jewellery and Policy Guidelines). Simple and discrete watches can be worn to assist children when learning to tell the time. Children are required to remove all items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be in school colours. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Hair

Extreme hairstyles such as tramlines, patterns, and drastic contrast in length are not appropriate for school. We also ask that children do not have their hair or eyebrows shaved. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have their hair coloured, highlighted or dyed. Any styles which cause a potential health and safety issue will not be allowed nor will any style/accessory which causes a child to be the subject of embarrassment, teasing or argument. Children with long hair should wear it tied or clipped back for school (boys and girls).

It is at the discretion of the Head Teacher to ask parents to change the haircut if it is thought inappropriate.

