



ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL

Uniform Policy 2026-2027

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1. Aims

This policy aims to clarify our expectations of school uniform.

- Clarify our expectations of school uniform
- Explain how we will ensure our uniform is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

2. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Vice Principal, Mr Farnie, and approved by the Principal, Ms G Johnson.

3. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Positive Relationships and Behaviour for Learning policy
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Equality Statement
- Anti-Bullying policy
- Complaints policy

All of the above can be found on the Policies page of the Academy website.

4. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils.
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back).
- Allow headscarves for religious observance. Headscarves must be black or navy blue.

We will consider reasonable adjustments to our uniform policy where appropriate.

We ask that pupils or parents get in touch via the email address:

enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

All requests will be at the discretion of the Principal, Ms Johnson, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

5. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers.

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties, blazers and PE tops.
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items. We offer pre-loved uniform at a much-reduced cost. Please see the school website for further information.
- The school uniform was updated for children who joined in September 2024 and for all year groups from September 2025. The main reason for this change was to reduce the cost of our expected uniform and to increase the amount of the uniform that can be purchased from supermarkets.
- The EGS PE T-shirt was updated for September 2025. All children must wear the EGS navy T-shirt from September 2026.
- If any parents/carers are experiencing financial difficulties that hinders their ability to purchase school uniform, please contact the enquiries email address (noted at the end of this policy) and we will support where we can.

6. Expectations for School Uniform



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Uniform Requirements 2026-2027

Branded Uniform

The following branded items are **COMPULSORY**:

- **EGS navy blazer**
Blazer sleeves must be worn to the wrist, not rolled up.
- **EGS navy striped tie**
- **EGS short-sleeve PE top for PE lessons** (see PE kit below)
- **EGS lanyard** (including lunch card and EGScellence Reward Card)



Non-branded Uniform

The following non-branded items are **COMPULSORY**:

- **Plain white school shirt, long or short-sleeve**
Shirts must be buttoned to the top and tucked in. Long sleeves must be worn to the wrist.
Any item of clothing worn underneath a white shirt e.g. a vest, must be plain white with sleeves no longer than the sleeves of the shirt.
- **Grey tailored regular fit school trousers** (that cover the top of the shoe)
OR Grey tailored pleated or A-line school skirt (worn to at least the middle of the thigh and significantly below the blazer)
OR Grey tailored shorts (worn to at least the middle of the thigh and significantly below the blazer)
Skinny leg trousers / leggings / jeggings / jeans / casual trousers / casual shorts are not allowed. Fashion skirts including lycra, bodycon or skater skirts are not allowed.
- **Plain black polishable shoes**
- **Plain black, navy, grey or white socks.** Socks with logos or fluffy socks are not allowed.
- **Plain black, navy or grey tights.**

The following non-branded item is **OPTIONAL**:

- **Plain navy v-neck knitted school jumper.** Sweatshirt material or round neck jumpers are not allowed. Hoodies and cardigans are not permitted on school site.
School jumpers are to be worn together with a blazer, not in place of a blazer.

PE Kit

COMPULSORY ITEMS: EGS navy PE T-shirt; suitable trainers and socks (any colour); plain navy joggers, leggings or shorts that are suitable for PE.

Optional items: EGS long-sleeved PE zipper top **or** plain navy or black long-sleeved base layer to be worn under the EGS PE T-shirt

Hoodies, jackets and coats are not permitted for PE.



Student Appearance for PE: Long hair must be tied back; all jewellery (stud earrings and 1 x nose stud, if worn) must be removed for PE except for medical identity tags.

Equipment

The following is **COMPULSORY** and must be brought to school every day:

- **An appropriate school bag** large enough to carry the EGS equipment pack
- **An equipment pack which includes (issued in Sept):**
 - **EGS Knowledge Organiser**
 - **EGS Child Planner**
 - **Pencil case** to include:
 - **blue/black pen**
 - **Purple pen**
 - **Pencil**
 - **Ruler**
 - **Eraser**
 - **Highlighter**

LOST EQUIPMENT must be replaced:

- EGS Planner or Knowledge Organiser - £6 via Arbor School Shop or 600 Guilford Gold from EGS Swap Shop
- EGS lunch card - £2.50 via Arbor School Shop
- EGS navy lanyard - £1.50

Children must report lost Knowledge Organisers and lanyards to the Helpdesk immediately

Student appearance

- Hats, caps, bandanas and sunglasses are not permitted. Sun hats and sunglasses can be worn in hot weather, and woolly hats in cold weather, however, they will be permitted in outdoor areas only and must not cover the face.
- Jewellery is not permitted except for stud earrings in the ear lobes, one simple wristwatch (not smart watch) and one single nose stud. Hooped earrings or drop earrings or any earrings that are not studs, are not permitted. Nose Rings are not permitted.
- Only short length nails are permitted.
- Only minimal, natural coloured make-up is permitted. Extreme make-up and extreme false eyelashes are not permitted.

Being prepared for all weathers...

- During cold or wet weather, children should wear a waterproof coat. Much of our school site is outdoors and wearing a waterproof coat will be important for children to stay warm and dry should they be outside during line-up.

Team EGS woolly bobble hats are available to purchase from Arbor School Shop for £5 each.

- During particularly hot weather, reasonable adjustments may be made to the uniform at the principal's discretion. This will be communicated on a daily basis. Children must bring their blazer to school every day.



Uniform – Prohibited Items

The following are prohibited items of clothing that will not be permitted on the school site. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Denim jackets, leather jackets, cardigans, hoodies, tracksuit jackets, casual jackets and similar items that are not listed in the permissible items above.
- Casual shorts
- Trainers, canvas shoes (or 'non-polishable' material), boots, sandals, heeled shoes, Crocs (or slider-type footwear),
- Round-neck or sweatshirt type jumpers are not permitted in school. Only a plain navy v-neck knitted jumper is permitted.
- Non-Academy badges (only badges issued by the school may be worn on blazers).

Any items not permitted will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones and other Electronics – Prohibited Items

In line with the statutory guidance from the Department for Education (June 2026), **we do not allow mobile phones** to be used anywhere on the school site (including before the start of the school day or at the end of the day). Mobile phones, smartwatches, earphones / headphones, iPods, MP3 players, electronic games or other electronic devices are not to be seen, used or heard on school premises. **Any of these items seen, used or heard during the school day will be confiscated immediately.**

The school will take **no responsibility** for the loss or damage of any item not permitted in school such as mobile phones and electronic devices.

Please refer to our school website and school's behaviour policy, for further information.

Should Parents/Carers have any queries regarding this policy or our uniform requirements, please email enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

7. Rectifying issues

Children are expected to meet expectations regarding uniform and equipment at all times.

Failure to comply with the policy will result in the child being sent to Triage where they will stay until the issue is resolved. Where issues cannot be rectified immediately by the child, the school will contact parents to request for in rectifying the issue. This may mean that parents are requested to bring missing items to school or purchase through Arbor Pay. Children will not be permitted to attend lessons if these expectations are not met and until the issue is resolved. Additional consequences may apply if a child repeatedly refuses to meet expectations as the child is demonstrating defiance.

Parents should report any issues regarding their child being able to meet the expectations outlined in this policy as soon as possible to their child's form tutor.

Please refer to the school's Positive Relationship and Behaviour for Learning policy for more information.

