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ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL
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Friday, 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to remind you that the Autumn Term will end today, Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.30pm. The children have had a fabulously festive week here in school, with our Christmas Family Lunch, Rewards Assemblies, and a Live Christmas Prize Draw.

School will reopen to children on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 8.35am for all year groups. Please ensure your child is on time and has a prompt start to the new year.

For some, the school holidays can mean a period of difficulty for many reasons. Please click on the link below which includes supportive resources for both students and parents, including links to urgent support in a crisis:
ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/parents/safeguarding/support-during-the-holidays

Arbor App

A reminder that on Monday 6th January, we will be using the Arbor App for all school communications. This includes detention notices. Please refer back to the letter sent on 15th December regarding this, including support on how to log-in to the Arbor App. Instructions can also be found on the following page:
ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Change-to-School-Communications-No-more-Texts-from-6-January-2025.pdf

Uniform

I have included in this letter, a reminder of our uniform policy which will be important when we return. Our new uniform will be in place from September 2025 for all children. We are hoping that new uniform items can be purchased by those in Years 8-10 from February half-term. Until then, please see a reminder on the following page about our pre-owned uniform shop.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for our school, and to wish you and your families a restful Christmas break.

Kindest regards

Ms G Johnson
Principal

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A Reminder of our Uniform Requirements for January 2025

Our full uniform policy can be found on our school website:
https://www.ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/parents/uniform

Year 7

- **EGS blazer** (sleeves worn to the wrist - not rolled up)
- **EGS tie**
- **Plain navy v-neck knitted jumper** (School jumpers must be worn with a blazer. Sweatshirt material or round-neck jumpers are not permitted. Hoodies and cardigans are not permitted).
- **Plain white long or short-sleeve school shirt** buttoned to the top and tucked in. Any item of clothing worn underneath a white shirt e.g. a vest, must always be plain white with sleeves no longer than the sleeves of the shirt.
- **Plain grey regular fit school trousers** (that cover the top of the shoe)
- **Plain grey pleated knee-length or plain grey A-line knee-length school skirt**
- **Plain grey tailored shorts.** (No skinny leg trousers / leggings / jeggings / jeans / casual trousers / casual shorts are allowed. No fashion skirts including lycra, bodycon or skater skirts allowed).
- **Plain black polishable shoes**
- **Plain black, navy, grey or white socks**, without logos. Fluffy socks are not allowed.
- **Plain black, navy or grey tights.**

Year 8-11

- **EGS blazer** (sleeves worn to the wrist - not rolled up)
- **EGS tie**
- **Plain navy v-neck knitted jumper, or EGS school jumper.** (School jumpers must be worn with a blazer. Sweatshirt material or round-neck jumpers are not permitted. Hoodies and cardigans are not permitted).
- **Plain white long or short-sleeve school shirt** buttoned to the top and tucked in. Any item of clothing worn underneath a white shirt e.g. a vest, must always be plain white with sleeves no longer than the sleeves of the shirt.
- **Plain grey/black regular fit school trousers** (that cover the top of the shoe)
- **Plain grey/black pleated knee-length or plain grey A-line knee-length school skirt**
- **Plain grey tailored shorts.** (No skinny leg trousers / leggings / jeggings / jeans / casual trousers / casual shorts are allowed. No fashion skirts including lycra, bodycon or skater skirts allowed).
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How to get started with Arbor

1. Download the Arbor Parent App on your phone or tablet.
   If you are using a web browser, navigate to login.arbor.sc
2. Click on 'Forgot your password?' just below the Login button.
3. Enter the email address that we use as your primary contact, and then press 'Reset Password'
   If we do not hold an email address for you, please contact us at the email address below.
4. Once registered, log in to the Arbor Parent App and turn on notifications when prompted to do so, to enable alerts for all your school messages including detention notices and attendance notices.

To find out more about the use of Arbor Parent at Ellis Guilford School, please visit: ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/parents/arbor-parent-portal-and-app

If you are not able to attend our drop-in sessions and require support, please contact the school office: enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk.

Opening January 2025

From Monday 6 January 2025, we will be opening our Pre-Owned Uniform Shop on a twice-weekly basis for families to browse our pre-owned uniform and recycle items they no longer need. We are also hoping to have a selection of winter coats for sale. Any queries, please email: enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

Earn Guilford Gold in exchange for donating uniform

If you are able to donate any uniform (or winter coats), this can be dropped off at our Reception during school opening hours. **In exchange for your donation, you will receive a voucher for 25 Guilford Gold for your child**. The more you donate, the more you earn.

If you are looking for second-hand uniform, you can also try charity shops in the local area and the **Nottingham School Uniform Exchange Group** on Facebook where you will find uniform items advertised for all schools across Nottingham. You could also have a look for local selling groups on Facebook or advertise on the **Basford Community** or **Bulwell Community** Facebook groups.