



8<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ellis Guilford School Diversity Day

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will celebrate our annual Ellis Guilford School Diversity Day.

As part of these celebrations, we are inviting children to wear **either** traditional dress that represents their culture or clothing in the colours of their community/ country flag.

This special day is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, learn from one another, and celebrate the many cultural backgrounds that make our school such a vibrant and inclusive place.

It is important to note, that this is not a non-structured non-school uniform day, but rather an opportunity for children's clothing choices to represent their culture.

To help the day run smoothly and respectfully, we ask for your support in ensuring your child's clothing is appropriate for a school environment. While we encourage creativity and cultural pride, there are a few important guidelines that all students must follow:

- Football shirts or **sportswear tops are not permitted**, even if they reflect national identity. The focus of the day is on cultural heritage, not sports allegiance.
- Clothing must be **modest** and suitable for a school setting. For example, shoulders, midriffs, and upper legs should be covered.
- Children are **not allowed to wear tracksuits or hoodies**
- Students can **choose to wear traditional attire or dress in flag-inspired colour schemes** as a respectful alternative.

Children who arrive to school in clothing that does not meet these guidelines will be asked to change into school uniform for the day. Any child who refuses to do so will not be allowed to be in their lessons on the day and will be isolated until the situation is resolved. This is not a decision we take lightly, and we want to avoid anyone missing out on the day's positive and enriching activities. All children have been given this message.

To prevent any disappointment and ensure all children can take part fully, we ask that you carefully check your child's outfit before they leave for school. By following the guidance above, we can ensure Diversity Day is joyful, inclusive, and respectful for everyone involved.

If you have any questions relating to the day, please contact Mr Neville, Assistant Principal, on the following email address: [josh.neville@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:josh.neville@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk)

Thank you for your support in making this a meaningful and memorable day for all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Neville  
Assistant Principal

