

# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

## School Uniform Policy

We try to encourage in our pupils a sense of pride in belonging to the school and a sense of confidence coming from a smart appearance suitable for all school occasions. Accordingly the school has a simple, inexpensive but strict uniform policy. Any pupil not in full school uniform or whose appearance does not meet our standards may be sent home or removed from lessons. If there is a genuine emergency, a note should be sent to the appropriate Head of Year or Pastoral Leader.

Full uniform is to be worn on all school occasions unless permission is given to the contrary. It should be worn to and from school.

### All students in years 7 & 8

Skirt: Plain, dark grey tailored skirt or pinafore dress of a suitable style for school. Skirt length should be below the knee. If the skirt has a split; the split must be below the knee.

Trousers: Plain dark grey tailored school trousers in a traditional style.

Blouse: Plain, pale blue. Button to neck.

Shirt: Plain pale blue.

Tie: Ties are compulsory in Years 7 and 8.

Jumper/Cardigan: Grey, V-neck (not with zips) (optional). Sweatshirts or track-suit tops may not be worn.

Socks: Plain white or grey socks.

Tights: black or grey.

Shoes: Navy or black plain, sensible, flat shoes must be strong and suitable for school. Boots are not suitable for school.

Blazers: All students in years 7 and 8 must have a navy blazer with the school Badge.

### All students in years 9, 10 & 11

Skirt: Navy skirt, or pinafore dress, of a suitable style for school. Skirt length should be below the knee. If the skirt has a split; the split must be below the knee. Denim skirts are not appropriate.

Trousers: Navy school trousers in a traditional style.

Blouse: Plain, pale blue open neck blouse. If the shirt is a button up shirt, a tie must be worn.

Shirt: Plain pale blue with a tie.

Jumper/Cardigan: Navy, V-neck, (not with zips) (optional). Sweatshirts or tracksuit tops may not be worn.

Socks: Plain white or black if worn with trousers or navy if worn with a skirt.

Tights: black or navy.

Tie: Ties are compulsory if the shirt is not an open neck blouse.

Shoes: Navy or black sensible, flat shoes, and must be strong and suitable for school. Boots are not suitable for school.

Blazers: All students in years 9, 10 and 11 must have a navy blazer with the school Badge.

## PE Kit

- White round neck t-shirt or white polo shirt
- Red with black stripe rugby shirt
- Black shorts
- Long black socks for outdoor sports
- Black or white sports socks for indoor sports
- Trainers (non-marking)
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Gumshield
- Optional - Plain navy blue micro fleece with school badge, plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings
- During the winter months students should layer up, e.g. thermals, skins or long sleeved t-shirts are ideal underneath their PE tops.
- Plain black or navy hats and gloves are also allowed dependent on the activity.

## Appearance

It is difficult to give a definitive list of what might be unacceptable in terms of appearance. Young people are influenced by fashion as we all are to a degree and this changes regularly.

A clear uniform policy helps of course. In general we would make judgements about the acceptability of dress and appearance based largely upon what might be considered acceptable in a conservative workplace serving the public, a bank for example.

No extremes of appearance are acceptable. This includes hair-styles as well as dress and the school reserves the right to judge extremes of dress and appearance.

**Make-up, including fake tan and fake nails,** is not allowed.

**Jewellery** is not allowed, except for a watch and one pair of small studs, one per ear, for students with pierced ears. Studs, worn at students own risk, may be worn only in the lobes of the ears and need to be removed for PE and Games.

**Hair** - we insist on tidy hair without extremes of style throughout changing styles and fashions. No shorter than a grade 2. Long hair should have it kept tidily in place, with all hair fully tied back if the hair touches the collar add in.

Hair spray and hair gel are not allowed for reasons of safety. All such dressings render hair more flammable and represent an avoidable risk in the workshops, laboratories and Home Economics rooms.

## **School bags**

School bags must be large enough to carry everything required for the school day. Students **MUST** have a **BACK PACK** e.g. it should be robust and large enough to hold an A4 folder and large textbooks without damage.

**If uniform standards are not adhered to the school reserves the right to provide suitable uniform until a replacement item can be sourced.**

**Signed on behalf of the Governing Body (Chair) Mr J Coucill**

**Date: June 2019**

**Lead for Review Assistant Headteacher, Student Personal Development, Welfare & Safety**

**Governor Review Committee School Community**

**Date for Review: July 2020**