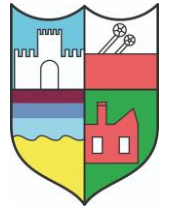




Ellington Primary School



15th June 2023

School Uniform Expectations September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that we are reaching the time of year where some of you may begin ordering/purchasing new uniform. So, we would like to remind you of our uniform from September 2023:

- Navy blue jumpers/cardigans
- White polo-shirts/shirt.
- Black or charcoal skirt, shorts or trousers.
- Blue gingham summer dress.
- Black school shoes

As outlined in May 2022, red and purple jumpers will no longer be part of our school uniform from September 2023.

All classes will have two PE lessons per week from September as part of our active school approach and children can wear trainers on these days. However, on the other three days, we will require children to wear **black shoes** for school. **Trainers will no longer be permitted except on PE days.**

PE Kit

- School PE Kit consisting of a white t-shirt with embroidered badge and navy/black shorts
- Or
- Plain white t-shirt and plain navy/black shorts.
 - Plain navy jogging bottoms.
 - School PE hoody or plain navy hoody.
 - Children can wear any comfortable trainers on their PE day.

We are equally happy for uniform and PE kit to display the school badge or to be plain, but we require one of these two options.

We have emphasised the word **plain** as uniform should not be a fashion show or a competition. We want all of the children to feel part of Team Ellington and to feel equal.

Uniform at Ellington Primary School does not need to be branded and can be purchased from a range of outlets:

Ellington branded uniform is available from [Cloud9](#).

You can find unbranded uniform at a range of different suppliers including:

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school-uniform/D10,default,sc.html>

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/specialbuys/about-our-specialbuys/back-to-school>

<https://tuclouthing.sainsburys.co.uk/browse/school-uniform/c:842024/?tag=tu:GNav:SchoolUniform-ShopAll>

We also have a selection of preloved uniforms in school. If you are interested in seeing what we have available, please contact Mrs Dyer.

If you have any very good condition school uniform that your child has outgrown, you can bring this to the school office. Please note, we will be unable to accept any red jumpers/cardigans.

Jewellery

We have found a growing number of children wearing jewellery this year. Our school policy is changing regarding jewellery and falling in line with the vast majority of Northumberland schools. From September 2023, only **clear earrings** will be permitted. We are informing you now as many children have their ears pierced in the summer holidays. We would advise doing this at the beginning of the summer holidays, ready for the new academic year.

We have had many instances of children missing PE lessons due to wearing earrings and being unable to remove these. We have also had a large number of children wearing hoops, drop or inappropriate earrings which are not safe to be worn in school.

If your child needs to wear a clear earring to prevent their piercing from closing, that is fine. They can be purchased [here](#). **However, these must be removed for PE lessons.**

The safety of the children is our priority and with moving to two PE lessons per week and more physical activities on an ad hoc basis, we feel this is an appropriate measure to take.

Watches (**not smart watches**) are allowed but rings, bracelets and necklaces should not be worn for school.

False Nails

Children should not wear false nails for school. They are not safe to be worn in a primary school environment. Nail varnish is not permitted either.

You can view our uniform policy [here](#).

As stated above, unlike some schools, we do not want uniform to be an unnecessary over expenditure when times are already very difficult. We want all of the children at Ellington to feel equal in school and not be concerned with labels or fashion trends. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Best Wishes,

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