

Uniform Policy

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School



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Catholic Social Teaching



Family and Community

At Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, we believe in high standards of uniform; we are, together, a family and community and each and every pupil at the school represents our community when they leave the school grounds and are in the local area. Our uniform policy allows all individuals to feel included in our school community, ensuring that, regardless of background, we are all party of the Ellesmere Port Catholic High School family.

Introduction

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 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 & 9

Skirt: EPCHS tartan kilt or pinafore dress. Skirt/dress length should be below the knee.

Trousers: Dark grey tailored school trousers in a traditional style.

Blouse: Plain, pale blue. Button to neck.

Shirt: Plain pale blue.

Tie: Compulsory.

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

Socks: Plain white, navy or grey socks, black, navy or grey tights.

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

Blazers: All students in years 7, 8 and 9 must have a navy blazer with the school badge.

All students in years 10 & 11

Skirt: Navy tailored skirt, EPOCHS tartan kilt 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

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

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

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. Shoes must be polishable. Boots are not suitable for school.

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

All students

Outdoor Coat: Large enough to be worn over a blazer, waterproof and warm. Any **dark colour** is suitable. It should be as plain as possible without slogans or logos. Tracksuit tops, hooded or light fashion jackets are not suitable and are not allowed to be worn for school. Denim or leather coats are not allowed and expensive coats are not advised.

Coats are not to be worn in the school building. They can be carried or put in the student's bag or locker.

Scarves: These are not part of school uniform and if worn to and from school, they must be in bags or lockers during the day.

School bags

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

PE Kit for All

- School sector standard polo shirt with emblem or school sector T-shirt with emblem;
- School shorts/ skirt with emblem;
- Long navy socks for outdoors sports;
- White sports socks for indoor sports;
- Long navy football socks for football and rugby lessons;
- Trainers (non-marking, not fashion shoes such as Converse or Vans);

- Football boots;
- Shin pads;
- Gum shield;
- Optional – During the winter months students should layer up eg. A plain long-sleeved top, long sleeve mid layer, blue fleece with school badge, school tracksuit bottoms with emblem or school navy leggings;
- Plain 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, fake tan, artificial nails, nail varnish, rings, body piercing or tattoos and nose studs are not permitted in school.

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

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.

Uniform hub

On entrance to school student's uniform is checked by the staff at the student entrance. If a student is in the incorrect uniform they will be directed to the uniform hub. Here uniform can be provided to students to borrow for that day. If a student fails to borrow school uniform they will receive a 30 minute lunch time detention for that day and parents will be contacted. At the end of the school day students are to return any borrowed uniform.

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

Lost property is kept in the Pastoral Office or in Student Services.