

EDWARD PEAKE UNIFORM GUIDE

'LIVE, LOVE, LEARN' "I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO; I WILL COUNSEL YOU WITH MY LOVING EYE ON YOU." PSALM 32:8 Edward Peake School considers uniform to be important for all of our pupils in order to foster pride in our school and to encourage a sense of belonging to the school community. The uniform provides a sensible and practical form of dress for the business of learning.

This guide is designed to help parents and carers be clear about our expectations. Any items marked with a * must be purchased from our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland. All other items can be purchased from a supplier of your choice.

Uniform Items

Year 6, 7 and 8

*Navy blue polo shirt embroidered with school emblem

*Navy blue sweatshirt with school emblem

Pupils will have the option of wearing trousers, skirt or tailored shorts. These can be navy, black or grey.

Plain black formal shoes, or triple black trainers

Plain black, navy, grey or white (not trainer) socks or plain black tights

Year 9

*Navy blazer with school logo.

White school shirt. These can be short sleeved or long sleeved. *School tie

Pupils will have the option of wearing trousers, skirt or tailored shorts. These can be navy, black or grey.

Plain black formal shoes, or triple black trainers

Plain black, navy, grey or white (not trai<mark>ner) socks or plain bl</mark>ack tights.

SKIRTS

Skirts should be no more than one inch above the knee. Skirts that are bodycon or excessively tight in style are not acceptable.

APPROPRIATE SKIRTS





UNSUITABLE SKIRTS



Trousers

These can be black, grey or navy. They should be trousers designed as school uniform. Leggings, jeggings and jean style trousers are not suitable.

Appropriate Trousers





Unsuitable Trousers





Shorts

Shorts worn as part of the school uniform should be grey, black or navy. They should be tailored and designed as school uniform. They should be of a long length. PE shorts, cycling shorts or running shorts (for example Nike Pro shorts) are not suitable.

Appropriate Shorts







Unsuitable Shorts





Shoes

Shoes should be black, weather resistant (leather or leather type) and capable of supporting the feet during any running around. Lace-up shoes or shoes with a strap across are most suitable. Shoes must be closed toe and adequate strength to meet health and safety guidance when students are cooking or working in the design workshop. Trainer style shoes are acceptable as long as they are triple black. Boots, canvas shoes, dolly/ballerina shoes and those with a heel are not suitable.

Appropriate Shoes













Unsuitable Shoes



PE Kit

*School sky blue polo shirt Black shorts (not cycle shorts or running shorts such as Nike pros) Sky blue football socks *Hoodies with school emblem (these are the only hoodie permitted to be worn during PE lessons) Plain navy/black tracksuit trousers Trainers Football boots (moulded studs) Gum shield Shin pads Trampoline Socks (optional)

4G Pitch (from 2025)

With the introduction of our new 4G pitch from early 2025, pupils will need suitable footwear for using this area. A guide to acceptable footwear is below. The recommended footwear can also be used before the introduction of the 4G pitch.

Recommended		Not Recommended (but accepted)	Not Accepted	
Football Boot Moulded Stud	Football Boot Screw In Plastic Studs, or Nylon Studs or Rubber Studs less than 15mm	Football Boot Any Blades that do not contain metal	Football Boot Any screw in metal studs or Metal tipped studs or Plastic/Nylon/ Rubber studs longer than 15mm	Trainers, Astro Trainers and Shoes No flat or heeled shoes permitted
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PE Kit Expectations

On 'PE days' pupils should come into school in their full school uniform and will change into their kit at the start of their PE lesson. Pupils will get changed into their full school uniform at the end of the lesson except period 5 where pupils can go home in their PE Kit.

• Kit forgotten for 1st time: If a pupils forgets their PE kit or an item of the compulsory PE kit they will be given a Kit Mark.

• Kit forgotten for 2nd time: If a pupil forgets their PE kit or an item of the compulsory PE kit they will be given a second Kit Mark and 20 minute reflection. This will be recorded and be visible on ClassCharts.

• Kit forgotten for 3rd time: If a pupil forgets their PE kit or an item of the compulsory PE kit they will be given a third Kit Mark and a 1 hour after school reflection. This will be recorded and be visible on ClassCharts.

• Each time after this a 1 hour after school reflection will be issued. This will be recorded and visible on ClassCharts.

• If learners provide a note or email explaining why they have no kit or missing kit and have brought an appropriate substitute kit for that lesson they will not receive a Kit Mark.

• If a pupil is unable to do PE they are expected to change into PE kit and participate in the lesson in another capacity unless it is unreasonable for them to do so.

• Kit Marks will reset at the start of each half term.

If a pupil is unable to physically take part in PE due to an injury or on medical advice, they should still bring their PE kit to school and change for their PE lesson. This is because pupils will be included in some way in the lesson based on their physical capabilities and inline with any medical advice.

Additional Information

Coats

It is advisable that pupils wear a coat to school when it is cold or likely to rain. Coats should be waterproof and provide warmth as we expect children to be outside at break and lunchtime unless conditions are dangerous. Hoodies are not suitable in place of a coat.

Hair

Pupils' hairstyles should be neat and practical for school and must be a natural hair colour. Extremes of style, patterns and tracks will not be permitted. This includes complete shaving of one side of hair and dip dyeing the hair. Long hair must be tied up for PE, Art, DT, Food Tech and Science experiments for safety reasons. Pupils should consult with their Year Leader before committing to a radical change to check that it meets school standards. No eyebrow slits are allowed.

Jewellery

Earrings must be limited to one pair of small stud earrings in the earlobe.

No facial or body piercings are permitted, this includes nose studs even if covered. No other jewellery is permitted. If your child wishes to wear a piece of jewellery for religious or cultural importance, parents must contact the relevant year team to request permission. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons due to safety reasons.

Make-Up (From Year 9 onwards)

A small amount of natural appearance make-up is acceptable (foundation and black/brown mascara only). Pupils should not abuse this privilege. Nail varnish, gel nails or eyelash extensions may not be worn.

General

All clothing MUST be clearly marked with the student's name. Hats/caps may only be worn for prolonged periods outside the buildings in extremes of cold or sun.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen if my child isn't in correct uniform?

If there is a one-off incident (e.g. they left their shoes at their nan's last night, their shoes got soaked) that can be remedied within a day or two, an email to the school office will be sufficient. If communication is received from parent/carer, no behaviour point will be given. If the problem is not going to be fixed quickly, we can lend your child the correct uniform until the issue is resolved. Please always email the school office explaining what has happened. If we have not received communication from you and your child isn't wearing the correct uniform then we will treat it as a rule infringement.

Why do you speak to the child before speaking to the parent?

As a secondary school we consider the correct uniform to be the child's responsibility in terms of making the right choices. The child has the best working knowledge of our uniform policy and knows what is acceptable and not; it is very rare for a parent to force a child to wear uniform that the child knows is not correct against their wishes. If the issue cannot be resolved by working with the pupil, we will contact the parents. If there are sensitive circumstances, which we are aware of, or find out through discussion with the child, we will always contact the parent.

I can't afford new uniform, what happens here?

If you cannot afford uniform, particularly if your child receives or has ever received free school meals, is a forces child or is a looked after child, please contact the school office to discuss the support available for uniform costs.

You can't enforce uniform rules can you?

Uniform rules can be enforced in the same way as any other school rules. Refusal to comply or co-operate with the policy will carry consequences in the same way as breaking any other school rule. We work hard to remedy and support any issues that prevent the wearing of correct uniform and the home/school agreement is an essential part of this. Please see the government website: https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform

Frequently Asked Questions

I got the trousers from the school section - surely they must be OK?

Retailers stock a wide range of trousers to suit different school requirements. Please be aware that many items of uniform sold in the 'School' section do not meet with many school uniform policies, including ours. We are clear on which items are suitable in to fit with our uniform rules so please make sure you have checked the policy before purchasing any items.

What happens if my child doesn't have their school shoes?

All students are expected to wear appropriate foot wear daily. If they do not have their school shoes, this situation must be remedied very quickly. Appropriate footwear must be worn in the meantime. Parents/carers should inform the school office that their child does not have their school shoes.

What can my child wear when the weather is hot?

Our uniform policy makes provision for pupils to wear shorts or a skirt without tights. Jumpers do not have to be worn. For pupils who wear a blazer, the school will communicate when these will not be needed due to the warm weather. Pupils may also ask members of staff to remove their blazers in a lesson if it is hot.

Cost of School Uniform

Schools and their governing boards must have regard to the cost of school uniform when developing and implementing their school uniform policies. The cost of school uniforms must be reasonable and secure the best value for money. We limit the number of items that have to be purchased from one specific supplier in order to reduce these costs.

We will also be implementing second hand uniform sales during next academic year during which you can purchase branded items at a reduced cost.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child follows our uniform policy.

Uniform Supplier

Price and Buckland

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