

EMS Uniform Guidelines:

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Uniforms can be purchased directly from Threads and Treads in Verwood. We work closely with the team and they will be able to answer any questions.

The school PTFA can also be contacted regarding second hand uniforms. Please contact the PTFA directly or contact the school office for guidance.

Guidelines:

- Shoes should conform to normal school standards in style and material. High/stiletto heels, sandals and open toed shoes are not permitted for health and safety reasons. Boots, including ankle boots, are also unacceptable.
- Consideration should be given to safety when choosing shoes due to the practical rooms the pupils use.
- Trainers and EMS Hoodies may only be worn during PE or when playing sport.
- EMS formal school jumper to be worn in school.
- Hair length, colour and style should be reasonable and not represent extremes of fashion. For example - no shorter than grade 1 and no lines / detail cut into hair. Hair should be natural in colour and one tone.
- Coats, jackets and bags should not bear slogans or graffiti.
- Ties should be knotted at the top button. Seven stripes as a minimum in length.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up. This includes coloured lip balm and mascara. Cover-up **concealer** can be used to promote positive self-image.
- Coloured nail varnish or false nails of any type are not allowed.

Skirts, Trousers and Sweaters:

Parents are asked to ensure that school uniform skirts and trousers comply with the above. Where there is any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform for school, parents are asked to contact the Head of Year before a purchase is made.

Trousers/Skirts

- Girls - Charcoal / grey / black. Style: pleated or flared. Pencil skirts are not permitted. Size: appropriate to the age of the child, it should finish just above or on the knee. Skirts should be worn without being altered or rolled.
- Boys - Grey or Black suit style trousers (not jean type). Trousers should be formal, not fashion in style. For example - skinny or flared.
- Shorts must be tailored, formal schoolwear.

Sweaters

- Only the EMS sweatshirt is allowed. Black sweaters, sweatshirts, zip up tops or cardigans are not acceptable.

Jewellery:

EMS allows students to wear a limited amount of jewellery. We do not allow excess jewellery for three reasons. First, it increases the likelihood of loss or theft. Secondly, many items of jewellery present a health and safety hazard and thirdly, our uniform and dress code is designed to encourage a smart, sober business-like atmosphere.

- The school can take no responsibility for items of jewellery brought into school.
- Pupils are permitted to wear a plain stud in each ear lobe only. This must be taped during PE and use a butterfly back.
- Hoop earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons.
- Nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow studs, helix piercing etc or any other body jewellery are not allowed [unless for religious or cultural reasons]. Clear

plastic bars worn in any such piercing are NOT acceptable. Students who wear such items will be asked to remove them.

- A charity band is permitted.
- Bracelets and necklaces are not encouraged and should be removed for practical subjects on the grounds of health and safety.
- Excess jewellery will be confiscated, placed in a marked envelope and passed to the Head of Year, to be reclaimed after one week. Persistent offenders will be sanctioned further.
- Pupils may wear a watch.

Uniform Grants:

Pupils in receipt of free school meals have access to uniform grants, one for Key Stage 2 (yr 5 and 6) and another for Key Stage 3 (yr7 and 8).

The Headteacher will decide if any particular dress code falling outside these parameters is inappropriate.