

EMS Local Policy - Uniform Guidance September 2025

Uniforms can be purchased directly from **Bartlett's of Wimborne**. 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.

Parents are asked to ensure that school uniform skirts and trousers comply with the following. 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 making a purchase.

Shirts are required to be tucked in when inside the school building

Ties should be knotted at the top button and should end at the waist

EMS school jumper to be worn in school.

Shorts should be tailored and formal charcoal / grey / black

Skirts should be charcoal / grey / black pleated. 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.

Trousers should be formal charcoal / grey / black (not skinny or flared).

Shoes should be plain, black and leather. No high heels, sandals and open-toed shoes or boots.

Trainers and **EMS Hoodies** may only be worn during PE or when playing sport.

Coats, jackets and bags should not bear offensive material.

Make-up and hair

Pupils are not permitted to wear **make-up**. A light application of cover-up concealer, which is natural looking, can be used to promote positive self-image.

Nail varnish or **false nails** are not allowed.

Hair length, colour and style should be reasonable and not represent extremes of fashion.

For example - no shorter than grade 1 all over and no lines / detail cut into hair. Hair should be natural in colour.

Please keep **hair accessories** small and in line with our formal school uniform. They should not stand out and be the main point of focus in appearance.

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. We are happy to discuss religious or cultural reasons for wearing jewellery.

Pupils are permitted to wear a **plain stud earring** in each ear lobe only. This must be taped during PE and use a butterfly back - no hoop earrings or any other body piercings. Clear plastic bars worn in any body piercings are not acceptable.

No **bracelets** and **necklaces**.

Pupils may wear a **watch** - if it is a smartwatch, it must be handed in to the tutor phone box during AM registration.

Excess jewellery will be confiscated, placed in a marked envelope and passed to the school office for the parent to collect.

Uniform Grants

Pupils in receipt of free school meals have access to a uniform grant of £50.00 per academic year. This grant allows the purchase of school uniform up to the value of £50.00 to be purchased from Bartlett's uniform shop in Wimborne. Please note that this amount has to be spent in one visit and no balance or unused grant will be carried forward.

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