

27th September 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy half term at Etone College, I would like to take this opportunity, to thank you for your ongoing support and to remind you of some key information in relation to our pastoral expectations for when we return on Monday 6th November 2023. **Uniform will be checked on entry to school.**

Our uniform policy can be found on our website: <https://www.etonecollege.co.uk/uniform/>

This sets out our uniform expectations, I would be grateful if you could familiarise yourself with the policy **in particular the images of what is acceptable and not acceptable before making purchases** to ensure your child upholds the uniform standards each day during their time at Etone College. The policy clearly indicates the following:

Uniform

- Etone branded school skirt
- Full length black trousers
- Plain black V neck jumper (optional)
- White Shirt
- Etone Tie with relevant house colour
- Smart black shoes which can be polished

Skirts must be knee length, trousers must be full length not cords, denim, leggings, skinny trousers, turn ups, ankle grazers or cropped, shirts should be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties worn with six stripes visible. **Hoodies, tracksuits tops, trainers, sports branded footwear, boots or canvas shoes are not permitted.**

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform at all times and their appearance should be appropriate to a working and learning environment.

Jewellery

One small, single plain gold or silver stud **only** in each ear is permitted; the stud must be worn in the lower part of the earlobe and must be removed for PE and Dance lessons. **No other piercings are permitted, this includes spacers/retainers. These must be removed whilst in school.**

Makeup

No makeup may be worn by pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Pupils in Year 10 and 11 may wear discrete makeup. Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes should not be worn and pupils will be asked to remove these at House Office.

Hairstyles

Dyed hair and high fashion/cult hairstyles are not permitted and hair should be of a natural colour.



An increasing number of pupils are wearing badges to school. **The only badges that are permitted** are those that are issued as part of our school rewards or student leadership schemes. Pupils will be asked to remove non-school badges.

Staff will challenge any pupils not adhering to the policy, telephone calls home will be made, sanctions will be implemented and any items not permitted will be confiscated.

The Headteacher's discretion will be final in all matters relating to uniform, jewellery and hairstyles.

We fully appreciate the importance of home-school communication and that there will be times when you need to speak with us regarding your child. **All contact should be made via the appropriate House Office.** In addition, if you wish to meet with a Head of House or senior member of staff, we would respectfully ask that **you phone the school in advance to make an appointment, you will not be seen if you arrive without an appointment.** It is not possible, due to teaching commitments and prior appointments, to see parents when they come to Reception without appointments.

We value the positive relationships with our parents and carers and we ensure that we take time to listen to you and understand your concerns. However, at times, we may not be able to help you immediately or may not have all of the information we need to help. Please bear with us whilst we deal with your enquiry. **Our main priority is our pupils.** We value mutual respect and would ask that parents and carers are polite and respectful in their interactions with all staff at all times. Our staff have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation or abuse.

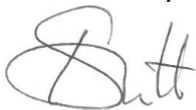
We are very proud of the growth of Etone and are excited by our new build. We now have more pupils attending Etone than ever before but inevitably this puts pressure on our site, particularly at school pick up and drop off time. I would like to remind parents that there **is no drop off point on school site** and you should refrain from dropping off at the entrance to school. Please respect this as the policy exists to safeguard staff/children.

We are very proud of our pupils and all that they achieve. Pupils are considered ambassadors for Etone College both inside and outside of school. It is therefore important that they behave in a responsible and respectful manner at all times and uphold the uniform policy on the way to and from school. Please discuss this with your child and remind them of social expectations.

For your information, school is closed to all pupils except Year 11 (further to follow) on Friday 24th November from 12.45pm and is also closed to all pupils on Friday 1st December.

All that it remains for me to say is have a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 6th November ready for another successful half term ahead.

Yours faithfully



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