

May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform From September 2024

I hope you are well and looking forward to the Bank holiday. In preparation for the start of the new academic year, 2024-2025, I wanted to share with you the school's updated uniform policy which will be coming into effect in September 2024. Whilst the majority of this policy will look familiar, it does mark a change in our expectations around footwear.

The George Eliot Academy uniform is something all pupils are required to wear across the academy. Ensuring all our pupils are wearing a smart and appropriate uniform helps to foster a sense of belonging and pride in them for their school. It also encourages pupils to focus during their lessons so that they can continue to make strong progress in their learning and achieve their goals.

The updated school uniform policy will be available on the school website here [The George Eliot Academy - Policies \(midlandat.co.uk\)](https://www.thegeorgeeliotacademy.org.uk/policies) and I encourage you to read it in full, before purchasing any uniform items for next year.

I wanted to draw your attention, in particular, to expectations around footwear. From September, all pupils must wear plain black, flat heeled, leather or leather look shoes. Boots can be worn under trousers. Trainers will not be permitted, aside from during PE lessons. This means that, from September, some footwear that is currently permitted such as Nike Air Force, will no longer be allowed.

By upholding these high standards we are working to equip our pupils with knowledge of how to present themselves appropriately so that they can make excellent first impressions during their time in education and as they enter the world of work. We are likewise aware that some pupils are currently feeling peer pressure to wear branded footwear that costs far more than plain shoes; by changing the uniform policy we will be removing any incentive for parents to pay more for footwear than necessary.

We are aware of the financial pressures families are facing at the moment and so wanted to communicate this change at the earliest opportunity to give you enough time and opportunity to source the appropriate uniform. If you have any queries about whether footwear you are considering buying meets the uniform policy, please do contact enquiries@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk for clarification.



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If any family requires additional support towards the cost of the uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing enquiries@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk. We are always happy to work with individual families to support them wherever we can.

Yours sincerely



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