

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL DRESS CODE?

We believe that there are many advantages for pupils, for schools and for parents in having a clear dress code.

These advantages include:

- encouraging a sense of belonging and pride in the school
- encouraging a purposeful attitude to school work and extra-curricular activities
- enhancing the image of the school in the community
- discouraging competition between pupils (regarding designer wear, for example)
- discouraging bullying and victimisation which may arise from pupils not having certain clothing or footwear
- improving safety in the classroom and in practical areas such as science labs
- improving school security through easy identification of intruders
- improving security on excursions through the easy identification of pupils
- reducing pressure on families to provide expensive or designer clothes.

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### S1 - S5 STUDENTS

White shirt	- long or short sleeves without logos
School tie	- S1 - S4 striped S5 plain maroon
Black, <i>grey</i> or <i>maroon</i> v-neck jumper or <i>cardigan</i>	- plain, long sleeved or sleeveless, without logos
Shoes	- black, comfortable, <i>without logos</i> , avoiding excessively high heels
Trousers, skirts or <i>shorts</i>	- <i>smart</i> black or <i>grey</i> without logos
Outdoor garments	- without logos. <i>PL Hoodies may be worn in class (uniform must be worn underneath.)</i>
PE kit:	- trainers, shorts, joggers

### S6 STUDENTS ONLY

Black shirt:	- long or short sleeve
S6 tie:	- maroon with PL crested
Kilts:	- optional

## LOOKING SMART

School Dress Code extends to how clothes are worn. Pupils are expected to look smart, neat and dressed for working.

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- *Shirts and shorts must be an appropriate length*
- Shirts must be tucked in with collars down
- Ties should be kept neat.

## SCHOOL POLICY

Preston Lodge High School will encourage pupils to wear school dress code by working closely with parents, pupils and the Parent Council. The school will remind pupils and parents of the dress code in assemblies, newsletters and the school prospectus. If your child is not in dress code you will be contacted by phone, text or letter.

## PARENTAL SUPPORT

Preston Lodge High School Parent Council fully supports and endorses the policy on dress code. We hope that all parents will be aware of the benefits of the dress code for pupils in Preston Lodge High School and that all parents will do their best to support this code.

Any parent who wishes to discuss the school dress code should contact any member of THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM on 01875 811170

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## CLOTHING THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN PRESTON LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

The following categories of clothing are unacceptable:

- caps/hats
- **jeans**
- clothing or accessories which could cause health and safety problems for the wearer eg. clothes which are flammable, certain types of piercing/ear rings
- footwear which could cause damage to the flooring or carpets, or is likely to form a tripping hazard.
- **training shoes with obvious logos or brand insignia**
- clothes which could lead to indiscipline eg. Scarves, tops or **jackets** representing sports teams
- clothing with offensive words or pictures
- clothing which is so tight, short or revealing that it could give offence to others.
- some forms of fashion accessory

Parents of pupils who wear any of the above items in school will be asked to arrange for the pupil to follow the school dress code. The school may withdraw pupils from class if they are unsuitably dressed. In extreme or persistent cases a pupil may be sent home to change, after contact with parents.

## SCHOOLWEAR VOUCHERS

Some parents in receipt of benefits are entitled to assistance with schoolwear for children attending East Lothian Council schools.

The award is given in the form of a cheque or is paid direct into a Bank Account.

The address for application forms is given below, or ask at the School Office:

**Pupil Support Services  
East Lothian Council  
John Muir House  
Council Buildings  
Haddington  
Telephone 01620 827827**

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INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND PUPILS  
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This leaflet provides a summary  
of  
Preston Lodge High School's policy  
on  
School Dress Code

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