

# Uniform Dress Code and Policy

## EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

There is little doubt that a school is judged by the local community on the extent to its pupils identify with their school through their conduct, through their involvement in school activities and also through their dress.

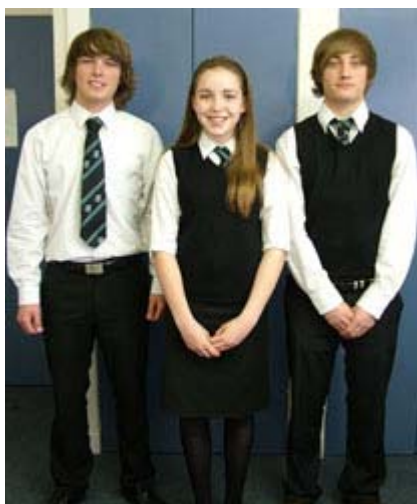
Scottish Borders Council and Earlston High School believe there are many advantages in having a clear dress code.

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
- Discouraging competition between pupils
- Discouraging bullying and victimisation which may arise from pupils not having certain clothing
- 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
- Preparing pupils for employment situation where a corporate company image exists.
- Convenience for parents

After a lengthy consultation exercise, involving pupils, parents and the wider community, a new school dress code was voted for in May 2009. The new code is outlined below:

### PUPIL SHOULD WEAR



**S1-S4**  
**White** shirt or Blouse (with collar)  
**Black** trousers or skirt  
**Black** V-neck jumper, cardigan or tank top  
**Black** shoes (not trainers)  
**School tie**

**S5**  
**White** shirt or blouse (with a collar)  
**Black** trousers or skirt  
**Black** V-neck jumper, cardigan or tank top  
**Black** shoes (not trainers)  
**Senior School tie**



**S6**  
**White** shirt or blouse (with a collar)  
**Black** trousers or skirt  
**Black** V-neck Jumper, cardigan or tank top  
**Black** shoes (not trainers)  
**S6 School Tie**

School ties are available from the school office. Black jumpers, cardigans and tank tops are also available to order.

### **Pupils MUST NOT wear**

- Hoodies
- Hats
- Scarves ( outdoor scarves removed when in school)
- Low cut or revealing clothing
- Fashion belts
- Shorts are to be worn for PE only
- jeans, jogging or casual trousers (combats)
- clothing with logos other than EHS
- striped clothing
- vest tops, sleeveless or collarless clothing
- PE clothing unless in PE (hygiene reasons)

### **NON-COMPLIANCE**

Schools should be clear about the steps they will take to encourage compliance in the event of pupils not dressing in accordance with the agreed school code. These steps may include:

- reminding pupils of the school rules on dress
- contacting parents by telephone or letter to remind them of the dress code
- arranging an interview with parents to discuss the dress code
- asking parents to notify the school in advance if other clothing is to be worn
- remaining on the school campus at lunchtime
- removal from extra-curricular opportunities.

A distinction should be made between clothes which do not conform with the school dress code and those which are unacceptable for wear in school under any circumstances. Clothes in the latter category should be dealt with through the school's normal disciplinary procedures.

Categories of clothing which are unacceptable in schools under any circumstances are:

- clothes which could cause health and safety difficulties for the wearer or others (eg certain types of earrings, clothes with an inflammability warning);
- clothes which cause damage to the school fabric (eg certain types of shoes);
- clothes which could cause offence to others in the school as a result of wording or pictures (eg certain T shirts, clothes with explicit pictures, clothes which are too revealing, tight or short);
- clothes which encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

A stock of clean school sweatshirts and trousers are available for issue to pupils wearing unacceptable clothing.