



Edenfield C E Primary School

16th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the school expects pupils to wear plain black leather or leather appearance shoes. Inevitably, more and more sports brands and other manufacturers of footwear are keen to market their products to the widest possible audience and it would appear some outlets are advertising sportswear as suitable school shoes. This has misled parents into thinking that these items are suitable shoes even when they are clearly based on trainer designs. It is easy to be misled by such marketing campaigns and I understand that many young people are keen to follow fashion and have the latest style and designs.

I have now updated the policy to make it absolutely clear which items are acceptable as school shoes and the style of footwear we will expect the children to wear from September onwards. This includes guidance as to what is, and what is not, acceptable. This includes a picture guide. This is not exhaustive but clearly shows the type of footwear, which although may be marketed as school shoes, are not acceptable for this school, under our policy.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that pierced ears and earrings are not allowed in school. If you are planning to pierce ears over the holidays, earrings will not be permitted in September, even to cover any remaining healing period. The start of the holiday is the best time to pierce ears which should allow a sufficient healing period ahead of the new term.

Finally, a small minority of pupils continue to wear non policy haircuts and hairstyles in school. Certain hairstyles, extreme cuts, and colours are not considered appropriate for school, are not compatible with uniform policy, bring unwanted attention to children and disrupt learning. This includes dying hair or having highlighted hair which is not age appropriate for primary school pupils. Please also ensure hair decorations and headbands reflect school colours and are not overly large.

Eye lash extensions, lash lifts, brow and lash tints, nail polish and temporary tattoos are also strictly forbidden.

The school does not want to be in the position of having to impose sanctions on pupils for wearing inappropriate footwear, hairstyles, earrings (and all other jewellery) so your cooperation in addressing these issues and following school policy is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support so that we continue to uphold the highest standards across all areas of school life at Edenfield C E Primary School.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Garner
Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

	Boys	Girls
TOPS	Plain red polo shirt Plain red sweatshirt (with school logo if possible)	Plain red polo shirt Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo if possible)
BOTTOMS	Grey tailored trousers or shorts	Grey skirt (no more than 2 inches above the knee) or tailored grey trousers
		Grey pinafore or red checked dress in summer
FOOTWEAR & SOCKS	Black shoes NOT trainer style Grey or black socks	Black shoes no more than 1 inch heel NOT trainer style NO fashion boots Plain socks or tights (white, grey or black)
P.E.KIT	Red crew necked t-shirt (with school logo if possible) Black PE shorts, pumps NO MICRO SHORTS PLEASE Black jogging bottoms and warm red top for cold days. Trainers or football boots Plastic bag for dirty kit Pump bag	
JEWELLERY	Only wrist watches are allowed Earrings are strictly forbidden, any children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them. Leather friendship style bracelets are not allowed	

Please note that embroidered uniform items are available from Amin's Clothing on Bank Street, Rawtenstall and My Clothing Service (<http://www.myclothing.com>)

Important Bag Update

Due to increasing numbers of pupils and limited cloakroom space across the school, rucksacks and large bags are **not** allowed across all classes. Please use a book bag for school equipment and a **named drawstring kit bag** for PE. **This will still apply in September.** The dimension of the book bag should be approximately W37cm x H31cm x D6cm. Please note, large bags will be sent home. Please use a **drawstring kit bag** for PE.

Shoe Reminder

Children must **NOT** wear fashion boots or trainer style shoes for school. These are not permitted. Please ensure your child wears a proper school **shoe** from September through to July. **Trainers are not acceptable even in July.** You will be asked to replace inappropriate footwear. Please also see separate letter attached.

Hairstyle Reminder

The number of unsuitable hairstyles has increased recently and failure to comply with school uniform policy will result in further action. Certain hairstyles, extreme cuts, and colours are not considered appropriate for school, are not compatible with uniform policy, bring unwanted attention to children and disrupt learning. **Please also ensure hair decorations and headbands reflect school colours and are not overly large.**

Personal equipment and pencil cases are **not** allowed in school. We will continue to supply children with an individual pencil case.

Mobile telephones are **NOT** be allowed in school under any circumstances, this is in line with our online safety policy.

We expect all children to present themselves smartly, and require the staff to do likewise.

'Please put your child's name on everything!'

Examples of **Acceptable** School Shoes



Additional Guidance

- Footwear **MUST** appear to be shoe like rather than trainer like
- These are examples and there is no expectation to buy shoes from a particular retailer
- Shoes made by sportswear manufacturers are deemed to be trainers
- Shoes that cover the ankle are deemed to be fashion boots
- A shoe marketed as a school shoe may not be acceptable at Edenfield C E Primary School (see images overleaf)

Examples of **Unacceptable** School Shoes



PLEASE NOTE: These are just examples, please refer to written guidance