

George Stephenson High School Uniform 2018/19

Fact Sheet

All students are expected to wear school uniform at all times. It is designed to be comfortable, attractive and practical.

Having a school uniform avoids competitive dressing and helps to set the tone of the school. Uniform is a key aspect of creating a purposeful learning environment to allow students to work and realise their full potential. We would like to thank you as parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that high standards are reached.

When purchasing new shoes please ensure that they conform to school policy. The school sweater and tie, trousers, skirts and PE polo shirt and sweatshirt must be purchased from our uniform supplier, Emblematic.

Please do not be convinced by your child that other items are acceptable for school. Your child's Guidance Manager will always be willing to advise you if you are unsure of any item of school clothing.

When can I purchase the new uniform?

School trousers and skirts are available for purchase and collection from Wednesday 9th May 2018. In fact, several parents have already visited the shop to see the new additional uniform clothing and have placed orders for collection from Wednesday 9th May.

Where can I find a price list for school uniform?

The price list is available from the school website and through the Emblematic website. The Emblematic website has an order form which you can print out and work out how many of each is required in relation to sizes – all in a 2 page printable form.

How can I purchase school uniform?

Either by visiting the shop at Longbenton or placing orders online which will be delivered to your home address.

What is the cost of the skirts and trousers?

Please refer to the Emblematic website for a full list of uniform and prices, which will vary according to size. For the new additions to the uniform, these are as follows:

Black Skirts - £15 or £17

Tartan Skirt - £15.99 or £19.99

Boys Trousers – £15 or £17

Girls Trousers - £15 or £17



Can I bring trousers and skirts which I already have in to Emblematic to have the logo put on?

No.

Does Emblematic offer a clothes altering service?

Emblematic does not offer a clothes altering service, however there may be local businesses that do so. In this case, parents should not seek to alter the shape and style of Emblematic's garments. What Emblematic will do is source the size in trousers and skirts for your child, of any length and waist size.

My son/daughter needs longer lengths – can Emblematic supply these?

Yes, Emblematic will work with parents where their son/daughter may need a different length or waist sizes. Emblematic is also a supplier of workwear for businesses, which means that they have access to a number of suppliers from school age to adults. If this is applicable to you, please contact the shop soon and start discussions about your requirements so that purchases can be sourced sooner rather than later.

Other retailers offer school trousers and skirts at cheaper prices.

This may be the case, however, the cost of the garment does represent the quality of the material and what one may classify as school trousers and skirts. As previously explained, we want our students to be dressed in acceptable and standardised uniform, therefore these additional items of uniform will be school branded from the academic year 2018/19 onwards.

Furthermore, other retailers such as supermarkets do not provide all year round school uniform as they only focus on peak times in the year – meaning the start of the academic year. Their stocks and availability decreases drastically after September.

Supermarket “school wear” is very varied in style and is often not appropriate.

For example, currently on Asda Direct, the following garments are advertised as “school trousers” when they are not acceptable for school – “STRETCH SKINNY LEG”, “LONGER LEG JERSEY CHARM TROUSERS”, “SKINNY LEG PONTE TREGGINGS”, “STRETCH PANEL SKINNY LEG” – and many more. Other supermarkets and retailers may have the same advertising which is very misleading to our parents.

Please note that the school does not receive a commission from our uniform supplier.

Are Emblematic trousers slim legged?

Yes, for both girls and boys, the approved trousers are slim fit and are the same trousers offered by Emblematic to other high schools within our area. Emblematic has a list of all high schools they supply to and you can access this information on their website.

Of course there is a clear difference between “slim” and “skinny”. Parents must be aware that the trousers are not “skinny” as it is not approved/appropriate school wear.

What about school shoes?

Wynsors World of Shoes has an approved suggested selection for your attention and we have sourced a separate supplier through Emblematic as an alternative. This supplier/retailer is online only and you will be able to access their link with our approved selection of footwear only via the Emblematic website. Further details will be made available to parents over the coming two weeks.

Parents can purchase footwear from other retailers, it is expected that the purchased footwear is compliant with school requirements and expectations.

Are shoes available from these retailers for girls over size 9?

It is possible to buy larger shoe sizes at a wide number of retailers – parents do not have to buy shoes from Wynsors or via the Emblematic link to the online supplier. However, we are in discussions with the online supplier for confirmation that girls' sizes will be available in sizes 9 and 10 also.

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