

Our Ref: CS/Start of Jan 26 Arrangements

18th December 2025



**Dame Elizabeth
Cadbury School**
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As previously advised, school will open for all pupils on Tuesday 6th January at our usual time.

Can I ask that any parents/carers clear any negative balances on their child's Matrix App before pupils return in January. Should you have any issues regarding this, please liaise with enquiry@decschool.co.uk

Expectations and equipment assemblies will be taking place on the first day back, along with daily uniform and equipment checks so please ensure you are clear of our expectations, especially if you are purchasing new clothing or shoes. Before you buy, please check our full uniform expectations that can be found on our website.

<https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/>

- **Black blazer with school badge must be always worn**
- White school shirts must be tucked in to waistband with top buttons fastened
- **School tie with House colours must be always worn** (showing a minimum of 6 stripes)
- A plain black v neck jumper, containing no logo or branding, is optional in the winter.
- **Formal plain black polishable school shoes must be worn** – no trainers, sports branded footwear, canvas pumps or boots are permitted.
- **Only standard full-length school trousers are permitted** (no jeans, skinny/fashion style trousers, turn ups, ankle grazers or cropped trousers are permitted) **OR a black, pleated skirt (must be knee-length - stretchy or fitted skirts are not permitted)** worn with black tights or plain black or white ankle socks. **Knee length socks are not acceptable in school.**
- Plain black tights (no patterns are permitted)
- A plain coat (without graphics, slogans etc.) No coats should be worn in the school building – no hoodies or tracksuit tops are permitted
- Black, plain headscarves, wraps, bands, or hair clips/ornaments (must be tucked under blazers with the school tie visible).
- **No extreme hair styles or brightly coloured/dyed hair.** Short haircuts **MUST** be grade 2 or above. There should be no tramlines or shaved eyebrows
- Only pupils in Key Stage 4 are permitted to wear subtle make-up. Key Stage 3 pupils should not wear any at all



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- **False nails/gel nails are not permitted due to health and safety reasons and pupils will be instructed to remove them**
- **False eyelashes are not permitted**
- **No nose studs (including clear plastic studs)**
- Pupils are allowed to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain gold or silver studs in their ear (one only stud per ear lobe). These must be removed for PE lessons. No other piercings are permitted
- A school bag that will hold an A4 folder is essential. Please do not allow your child to have a large handbag for college.

A reminder that pupils should as a minimum bring the following equipment to school every day:

- A suitably sized waterproof bag for transporting books, Homework, equipment etc. The bag must be large enough to hold an A4 folder.
- Pens including at least 1 black and green pen.
- Pencils, ruler in a pencil case
- School Planner
- Pupils are NOT to bring scissors into school. Staff provide suitable safety scissors if they are needed in lessons.

We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child meets our expectations as uniform infringements can lead to your child missing lessons and additional costs for parents.

On behalf of all the staff at Dame Elizabeth School, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support in 2025.



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