



DRESS CODE (PUPILS)

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full on an annual basis.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Upper and lower School Teachers in September 2016.

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DRESS CODE FOR PUPILS

The school has no uniform and the requirements for school dress are based upon a consideration of health, neatness, cleanliness and suitability for work at school. We strive to create a beautiful environment in the classrooms and would like the children's manner of dress to be in keeping with this. Each child should be able to move freely without the restriction of unsuitable clothing. Long hair should be tied back. Each child should be free from commercial pressure, and be accepted for who they are rather than judged by what they wear. We would like to encourage all pupils to feel good about who they are.

For these reasons the teachers expect each parent to take responsibility for ensuring that their child is dressed in accordance with the school dress code. Such co-operation gives support not only to the developing individuality of the child but also helps in strengthening the authority of each parent within the class community.

In summary the following points apply to the lower school:

- Clothes should be tidy and clean, suitable for the work that needs to be done.
- All clothing should be whole (not torn) and not excessively worn.
- Clothing should be plain i.e. no logos, slogans, pictures or printed images. No combat gear.
- Pupils should dress appropriately for the weather e.g. tights or trousers after autumn half term. No bare midriffs/shoulders. A coat is needed in case it starts to rain.
- Skirts and shorts need to reach down to the pupil's fingertips (with their arms down) even if worn with leggings.
- Beyond Class Three, leggings/jeggings alone are not appropriate school wear.
- Jewellery (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, pendants, brooches) should not be worn in lower school. Watches and studs are exempt.
- No nail varnish is permitted.
- Pupils should not have extreme hairstyles. If you are not sure what constitutes an extreme hairstyle check with your class teacher BEFORE taking your child to the hairdresser otherwise a pupil may be sent home.
- Any dyeing of hair is not acceptable.
- Trousers need to be fastened at the waist, i.e. no sagging trousers. Underwear must not be visible.
- Hats and hoods should not be worn in lessons or assemblies.
- Pupils are advised to wear strong shoes with a firm sole to encourage healthy development of feet.

The Upper School Dress Code Policy is as follows:

- All students should be tidily and cleanly dressed.
- All clothes should be whole (not torn).
- Extreme fashions (clothes, make-up, hairstyles and unnatural hair colours) are not acceptable. If students are not sure what will be considered extreme, they should check with a teacher first.
- Clothes should not restrict movement or hinder school activities.
- Logos are to be discreet. No aggressive symbols or slogans.
- No bare midriffs, no exposure of any form of underwear, no low cut shirts or tops (girls & boys). Revealing fashions are not acceptable.
- Leggings/jeggings worn alone (i.e. without shorts or a skirt over the top) are not appropriate school wear.
- Hats and hoods should not be worn in lessons or assemblies.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn for school activities.
- Make-up and jewellery should be discreet and appropriate for a working environment. Jewellery should be removed for any craft or movement activities before the lessons.

Upper School implementation policies:

- All teachers in the school are encouraged to speak to a student who is not following the school dress code.
- Pupils who do not follow the dress code may be given a Saturday detention.
- Sponsors are to be made aware of students who infringe the dress code policy.