

DRESS CODE FOR PUPILS POLICY

1 INTRODUCTION

Whilst Jeannine Manuel School (“the School”) does not require pupils to wear a uniform, adherence to the Dress Code is important for the social and emotional wellbeing and development of pupils. The School encourages pupils to develop the capacity for self-awareness and self-discipline, to learn to dress with consideration for others and to discover what is acceptable in our School and as a member of the wider community.

A commitment to the School and respect for its rules, including the Dress Code, underpin effective behaviour. All staff share responsibility for implementing the Dress Code and for maintaining standards of courtesy, behaviour and appearance.

This policy is also applicable to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

2 EXPECTATIONS

- 2.1 The School expects all pupils to observe the School Rules, including those regarding Dress Code and appearance. A high standard of personal appearance is expected and it is the duty of all staff to ensure that pupils observe these requirements.
- 2.2 Any indoor tops (shirts, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, dresses, etc.) should be official school tops which bear the School logo. This also applies to tops being worn as under-layers (e.g. a t-shirt under a dress).
- 2.3 Bags must be our official school bags. In the EYFS, pupils should use the official red carry bag.
- 2.4 You may wear casual clothes at school, such as denim trousers and skirts, as well as trainers, but clothing should be clean, free of holes and not frayed or torn. In cases of dress down days or residential, students’ clothing should not carry wording or pictures that might be offensive or cause damage to our reputation. Pupils are expected to use good judgment and it is inappropriate, for example, to wear cut-off shorts, crop tops or see-through material at school.

- 2.5 From Year 5, all pupils are required to have a school sport uniform, complete with top and bottom. The sport uniform must be worn in P.E. class only.
- 2.6 Clothing or footwear which is unsafe is not accepted at school.
- 2.7 The above descriptions are not meant to be exhaustive but instead represent guidelines.
- 2.8 As per the School ethos, expressed in its mission statement and Admissions Policy, we do not select for admission on the basis of religious belief, and we welcome pupils of all faiths and none. However, parents should be aware that pupils at the School are required to adhere to the Dress Code. Variations will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be made in writing to the Head. The Head may take expert advice, and will normally arrange to meet with the parents to discuss the implications of such a request.

3 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The Head of School will establish and keep under review this policy. The Head Team will be responsible for ensuring its implementation and day-to-day management.
- 3.2 Staff will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed, and consistently applied. Staff will advise the Head of the effectiveness of this policy.
- 3.3 Parents are encouraged to work in partnership with the School and assist the School in maintaining the Dress Code Policy.