



High Storrs School

DRESS CODE POLICY

(with amendments due to Covid 19 measures)

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“We are High Storrs. We are respectful, safe and responsible.”

There is no school uniform at High Storrs. Instead, we have a dress code, which gives students an opportunity to prepare for the world of work in choosing clothes that are appropriate for a workplace. Furthermore, the school community is co-educational and multicultural; we are respectful of those with a variety of cultural and religious values. To help students make responsible decisions regarding dress code, the following applies:

We are respectful, therefore we:

- take off hats and hoods inside the school building (not applicable to headscarves) and we remove coats in lessons and assemblies.
- expect midriffs to be covered up.
- expect skirts and shorts not to be excessively short.
- cover up underwear (e.g. no low cut or strappy tops, or low-slung trousers).
- wear clothes free from explicit or offensive images or slogans (e.g. swearing, images suggesting sexual activity).

We are safe therefore:

- health and safety is observed. There will be no excessive jewellery, large dangling earrings, flip-flops and stiletto heels.
- we protect ourselves against extreme weather (e.g. by wearing a waterproof coat and jumper in the winter, and using sun lotion and sunglasses as appropriate outside in the summer). Sunglasses must not be worn inside unless for medical reasons
- face masks (to limit the spread of Covid 19) are not required but students/staff may wear if desired.

In some practical lessons (e.g. PE, technology, science, dance), health and safety necessitates an enhanced dress code. Here, students may be requested to remove jewellery and tie back hair.

Challenge and consequences of a breach of the dress code

We challenge those who do not abide by this code and use the following consequences:

- A Behaviour Incident will be logged on the student's record on SIMS by the member of staff
- Parents/carers will be contacted where persistent issues continue.
- Persistent issues will be responded to by the issuing of a dress code report and further sanctions (e.g. not being allowed out at social times, being collected from school by parents/carers)

Arrangements for PE and Dance

In light of the measures to limit the spread of Covid 19, we have restrictions on the use of our changing rooms. **Please come dressed in your PE/Dance kit on the days that you have these lessons.**

Your son/daughter will be expected to wear/bring:

- Plain black t-shirt (or a suitable top that they can move freely in for Dance)
- Plain black hoody/jumper
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings (or dance trouser in Dance)
- Indoor trainers or a change of footwear (which might include football boots)
- A plastic bag to store any wet/muddy clothing or footwear.

There will likely not be an opportunity to get changed at the end of PE and Dance. We recommend that your son/daughter brings some deodorant with them, which will have to be used outdoors.