

Greenwich Steiner School

Clothing Policy

The Clothing Policy forms part of the Positive Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

The reason we need to emphasise when or where certain clothing is appropriate is, firstly so that pupils' education is not disrupted by inappropriate clothing, and secondly that pupils' health and safety is not compromised by their clothing. We are also mindful of the importance of older children being seen to set an example to younger children in the school and to discourage the early sexualisation of children and young people through their clothing. As far as possible the clothing policy should seek to reduce the consumerist pressure to be seen to be wearing the 'right' thing. Children may resist this policy but in the end we believe it helps to relieve any peer pressure they might experience. Therefore –

- Clothing must be appropriate for school work and activities. It must be decent, clean, not torn and consistent with health and safety and hygiene.
- Throughout the School, neither girls nor boys should have any underwear showing nor should they have bare midriffs or chests.
- Clothing should not bear slogans or pictures.
- Jewellery should not be worn. Those with pierced ears should wear studs only.
- Jewellery worn in other pierced areas of the body (other than ears) is not allowed, so pupils will be asked to remove these items.
- Make-up and nail varnish are not to be worn.
- Hair dyeing is not allowed.
- Pupils should wear sensible shoes appropriate for School and the activities of the day.
- A games kit is to be worn in games lessons (Class V upwards). This consists of jogging bottoms (or shorts in summer) sweatshirt, cotton T-shirt and suitable shoes (trainers, plimsolls etc). Logos are discouraged.
- During Eurythmy lessons, no long sleeves covering hands, no baggy or excessively long trousers should be worn, as pupils must be able to move freely.
- Long hair must be held away from the face. This applies to both boys and girls.
- Pupils with long hair must tie it back for certain lessons, eg in movement lessons, workshops or in cookery, and should keep a hair band in School for this purpose.

If these guidelines are not followed, the Class Teacher has a conversation with the pupil and if this is not sufficient he/she will talk with the parents. If there is still no improvement, the discipline/sanctions procedure will be followed.

October 2008