

Beech Lodge School

Dress Code

We are a child-centred school with an emphasis on encouraging the individual to flourish. It is for that reason we allow children to choose what they wear and express themselves. Being comfortable helps children to relax, feel happy and enjoy more fully the learning process.

We do not have a school uniform but we do want every pupil to dress in an appropriate, clean and inoffensive manner. As pupils grow up, they learn more and more about their self-image and about developing self-respect. Beyond that they learn how to show respect to others or to the school itself. One of the ways to show respect is to dress appropriately following the code outlined below. Whilst we enjoy celebrating individuality, we would caution against extremes in any form.

Beech Lodge School pupils are required to dress:

- **Appropriately**
 - A simple style of dress which does not have offensive images, messages or language.
 - Practical clothes in which they feel comfortable. Given the amount of outdoor and hands-on work our children engage in we would recommend a change of clothing is left at school.
 - For sports activities children should wear a plain tracksuit, T shirt and trainers.
 - Comfortable indoor shoes, wellies and sturdy walking shoes are essential.
- **Modestly**
 - We do not want or need a 'label' culture
 - Clothing with large designer logos and slogans, unsuitable footwear and jewellery are not allowed.
- **Cleanly**
 - Clothing and hair should be clean, long hair should be tied back in some lessons and activities
- **Inoffensively**
 - Try wherever possible not to cause offence or embarrassment to any other member of the community. Jeans and tops should not be too low and skirts should not be too short!

There are times when the school may ask you to dress more formally: when representing the school outside of the school setting. Please respect this request. For some trips and outdoor pursuits where children will be in public places they must wear Beech Lodge branded sweatshirts for safety and identification purposes

Hairstyles

Hairstyles are expected to be reasonable. Shaved heads or eyebrows, extreme hairstyles and bright hair dyes are not allowed. If in doubt please contact the school.

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