



## *Holywell Educate Together National School*

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### **Dress Code Policy at Holywell ETNS**

As a primary school catering for children between the ages of four to twelve, Holywell Educate Together National School has created and aims to maintain a child-friendly learning environment, where all pupils are free to pass through the various stages of their development happily and safely.

There is no uniform in Holywell ETNS. Children wear their own clothing and in doing so express their individualism & identity. We seek to promote an inclusive environment where children feel safe to express themselves and their identity and feel a sense of acceptance and belonging.

Children should come to school suitably dressed for the school day and an active environment. Physical exertion at break homes and suitable intervals are an important part of the school day and a child's clothing should not prohibit them from fully participating in all that our school has to offer nor compromise the health & safety of themselves or their peers. Children may wear clothes that suit their own personality, tastes and preferences provided they fall within the advice of this guidance:

We encourage the following:

- Children require warm coats in winter so that they may play outside.
- Parents/guardians/caregivers are requested to label children's coats/hats/scarves.

- Children should endeavour to keep long hair tied back or held away from their face to prevent the spread of headlice.
- Shoelaces should be securely tied. If a child is unable to tie their own shoelaces, then Velcro shoes can be worn.

We discourage the following:

- Items of clothing that could cause a child to trip/fall or cause injury e.g. Flip flops, heels, heelies or skates, shoes with studs, very long clothes that cover their feet.
- Dangling or sharp jewellery e.g. long earrings, necklaces, brooches that could potentially harm them or another child.
- The wearing of make-up, including false nails/nail extensions.
- The wearing of transparent clothing and/or clothing that reveals a child's underwear.
- Clothing and items that contain slogans or words that may cause offense to any member of our school community.
- The wearing of hats, hoods in the classroom and around the interior of the school building unless necessary due to sensory issues/additional needs. This does not apply to head coverings. It is important for all members of our school community to be easily identifiable when on school property to ensure the safety of all.

Staff will work with children and their parents/guardians/caregivers to support them in implementing the dress code. Teachers will use SPHE lessons to reinforce & discuss the dress code as appropriate. We appreciate your support in implementing this guidance to ensure all our children can enjoy their school days. This policy will be reviewed from time to time and as appropriate.

