



Dress Code for Staff and Students

It is understood that schools are places of work and active learning and that appropriate choices about clothing will be made by students and staff with this in mind. The guidelines below are provided to assist with this decision-making process.

- It is expected that students and staff will wear clothes and footwear that are clean, safe and comfortable and that allow freedom of movement to participate in active learning. Students and staff are reminded that during the school day they may be involved in activities that require them to stand, sit, lie-down, walk, run, ascend or descend stairs, lift and carry items etc. and clothes should allow for these actions to be performed without restriction or concern about clothing or footwear interfering or being unsuitable for such activities.
- It is expected that clothing will fit properly and cover the majority of the body with the exception of the head*, face*, neck, shoulders, arms, and legs from the mid-thigh down. In this respect, it is expected that clothing will cover underwear and that clothing will not be see-through. (*This does not prohibit the covering of the head or partial covering of the face for religious, ethnic or cultural reasons. It is expected that all students and staff will be identifiable and that any coverings (including hats, caps and sunglasses) will not interfere with communication during teaching and learning activities.) We discourage the wearing of hats and hoods in class for this reason.
- Educate Together school guarantee equality of esteem to all students and by extension, staff members; consequently, it is expected that all members of the school community will avoid the display of slogans, graphics or offensive words on clothing and/ or accessories. (Offensive words or slogans are taken to be anything that may be considered a violation of Human Rights, National Law or the Educate Together Charter and includes curse words and discriminatory language or phrases.)
- It is expected that jewellery worn by students and staff will not pose a safety risk in learning activities.
- It is expected that all footwear will be securely fastened and allow freedom of movement.
- Some classes will require specific clothing as below:
 - Science/ Applied Technology, Home Economics/Art
- It is expected that students and staff will comply with Health and Safety regulations when working with equipment and tools. This may entail the wearing of protective gear, tying back loose hair, tucking in loose fitting clothes, removing jewellery etc. Clothes with rips or tears are not permitted to be worn in certain subject specific

rooms such as Technology, Science or Home Ec. (as rips or tears could increase the risk of catching on equipment, handles, etc. and the risk of falling or tripping).

- PE and Sporting Activities

It is expected that sportswear and trainers/ runners will be worn for sporting activities and PE. It is expected that no jewellery other than a sports watch will be worn when engaging in PE and sporting activities for health and safety reasons. Football shorts or similar sports shorts are allowed for PE and sports activities. The mid thigh rule does not apply for these activities.