

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School

Clothing Policy

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Clothing Policy (Pupils)

The guiding principle behind our Clothing Policy is that pupils come to school simply, appropriately and adequately dressed for their school day.

Should a pupil not comply with these rules they will be asked to remedy the situation. If they fail to do so or cannot do so at school, they will be sent home or will work in isolation until they can be sent home.

The school has no uniform and the requirements for school dress are based upon a consideration of health, neatness and cleanliness. Pupils should come adequately dressed for the school day, and should be able to move freely without the restrictions caused by unsuitable clothing.

The following points apply:

- A suitable coat should be provided appropriate to the season. In the colder months children should have a hat and gloves, and legs should be covered
- Clothing should be clean, tidy and without visible rips
- Plain tops (no writing/images) unless approved of by the Class Teacher
- No bare midriffs, no exposure of any form of underwear, no low-cut shirts or tops (boys and girls). Revealing fashions are not acceptable
- No strappy tops
- Outdoor shoes should be appropriate for the playground - high heels are not acceptable
- No very short shorts, hot pants or playsuits
- No onesies
- No more than 2 ear piercings in each ear and these must be studs. No ear stretchers.
- Hats and hoods should not be worn in lessons except with permission from the teacher
- Hair should be out of the face and tied back for any craft or movement lessons, and for any other lesson or activity if requested by a teacher
- Jewellery should be discreet and appropriate for a working environment, and should be removed if requested by a teacher.
- No sentimental or expensive jewellery or similar to be brought into school in case of loss or damage.
- From Class 6 upwards leggings should be worn with a skirt or with shorts on top
- No hair dye, make-up or extreme hairstyles are allowed. From Class 7 onwards subtle hair colour (black, brown, auburn or blond) and make-up may be acceptable at the discretion of the Class Teacher
- Nail varnish is not allowed below Class 8 and then it should be in a neutral colour
- No nose studs are allowed below Class 9 and then only one discreet stud is permitted. Nose rings are not permitted.
- No other body piercings are permitted
- Tattoos are illegal under the age of 18 and are therefore not permitted at school

Class 11

- All Class 11 pupils must be clean and decently dressed and must not appear in any way threatening or have any badges, slogans, piercings or tattoos on themselves, their clothes or property which could be regarded as inappropriate or threatening. For particular activities there may be specific rules on dress and appearance eg Cookery, Sport and Games, Festivals which must be followed.
- If any member of the School community deems a particular individual's dress to be inappropriate or threatening they are to raise this with the Class 11 guardians in the first instance who will use their discretion to handle the situation.