



SALISBURY DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL Dress Code Policy

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the Education Regulation 189A of the Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, School Councils are authorized to determine the school dress policy. On Tuesday 12th May 2009, the Governing Council passed the following Salisbury Downs School Dress Code Policy. This policy was reviewed and amendments made on 4th August 2014.

RATIONALE

We believe that a school dress code:

- Contributes to whole school unity and pride.
- Develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of 'belonging'.
- Contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing.
- Supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing.
- Develops a positive image of Salisbury Downs Primary School in the wider community.
- Assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students.
- Assists in identifying students during excursions and in the grounds.
- Maintains sufficient choice for individuals.

IMPLEMENTATION

Parents/Caregivers of all students attending Salisbury Downs Primary School are responsible for their child(ren) wearing colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.

We will continue to:

- Have senior tops for the Year 6 & 7 students and standard school tops for all other students.
- Support the September to May "No hat No play" policy (no hat = play in shaded area)
- Acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies and in the newsletter.

It is recommended that those girls wearing skirts or dresses wear bike or sports pants underneath. This will avoid embarrassment when they participate in physical education and play on equipment.

Approved school hats and logo tops are available for purchase at the Front Office.

Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.

Students must wear footwear that enables them to actively participate in all aspects of our Physical Education and Daily Fitness programs.

CONSEQUENCES

- If a student is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days), a note of explanation from the parent, in the diary, on the day in question, needs to be sent to the class teacher.
- It is compulsory to wear an approved school hat from September to May. From the beginning of May UV levels drop and do not rise again until September. On a normal school day, when children are outside for short amounts of time ie recess and lunch, damage from the sun is low. Hats will still be needed for activities where children are outside for longer periods. If a child does not have a hat for a PE lesson the child will need to borrow a spare one. At play times during high UV times, any child who is not wearing a hat will need to play in a shaded area. Parents will be contacted if it is noted the student has not had a hat for more than 2-3 days. The school will notify families when school hats will need to be worn during May to September. This will include activities such as; sports day; camps; excursions and days of high UV.
- Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy will be given a note to be sent home. Students who fail to comply with dress code policy on three occasions will meet with senior staff to determine outcome.

Salisbury Downs Primary School's Dress Code Policy

The items that are acceptable	The items that <u>are not</u> acceptable
Navy blue clothes including shorts, bike pants, trousers, cargo pants, netball skirts, plain denim jeans, and leggings. Navy blue with gold T-shirts, windcheaters, jumpers, polo shirts. Blue and white check school dress. (Black sport briefs should be worn under skirts and dresses).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any colours that are not school colours. • Clothes with writing or pictures that are larger than palm of hand • Make up and nail polish.
Tops: Must cover shoulders, back and stomach	Tops: sleeveless, backless or short tops that show midriff.
Hats: Worn September to May - Navy blue broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats, which protect ears and neck.	Hats: Baseball caps
Footwear: Rubber soled shoes or sandals with backs. Heels must be no higher than 2cm. It is not necessary for footwear to be in school colours. All shoes must allow active participation in sport activities.	Footwear: Thongs, clogs, platform, slip- on and high-heeled shoes.
Jewellery: Studs, sleepers, a watch and medic alert bracelet.	Jewellery: hoop and drop earrings, bracelets, rings, necklaces and jewellery associated with body piercing other than approved earrings.

For exemptions for health, religious or cultural reasons please contact the Principal.

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