

Dress Code Policy

The Surrey Downs Primary School Governing Council, in consultation with families and students, have developed a school dress code which all students are expected to follow. This involves the wearing of school uniform, which includes the Surrey Downs Primary School polo shirt and jumper, with other clothing being in the school's colour, navy blue.

Students are required to wear a hat in line with the recommendations of the Cancer Council when the UV is 3 or above.

The dress code at Surrey Downs Primary School is important.

- It is designed to give students a sense of belonging, unity and pride.
- It enables them to be easily identified as members of our school, both while at the school and also out in the community.
- The code also minimises competition between students to wear more expensive and fashionable clothing, whilst encouraging equity amongst students.
- It is designed to be practical in its application to a wide range of physical activities and weather conditions and ensures students observe health, safety and decency standards.

Uniform items can be ordered and purchased online through the School Locker website. School hats can be purchased online and at the front office.

Alternate uniform options can be negotiated with the Principal for students with additional needs.

Acceptable

Tops	Surrey Downs Primary School polo shirts, windcheaters, jackets, and jumpers
Pants	Plain navy track pants, cargo pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, leggings, mid-thigh/knee-length bike shorts
Dresses	Navy/white check school dresses
Hats	Plain navy blue legionnaires, broad brimmed or bucket style sun safe hats. In line with WHS guidelines, broad brimmed hats must have a safety clip on the cord. Yellow bucket hats may be worn by students in the special options classes and /or by mainstream students who require easy identification during play times
Footwear	Should be appropriate for students to participate in physical activity. Shoes should have a back in them for support eg sneakers, school shoes, boots or sandals and not have raised heels
Coats	Winter coats / jackets for outdoor wear in school colours are encouraged Coats/jackets can be any colour if worn before and after school

Unacceptable

- Clothing with brand names, logos, pictures, stripes or designs
- Tops without sleeves
- Hooded jumpers, including underneath school polo shirts

- Denim / jeans (blue or coloured) and jeggings
- Bike shorts shorter than mid-thigh, unless worn underneath a dress or skirt
- Bike short that are not visible below the t-shirt's hem
- Baseball caps
- Clothing that precludes students from undertaking general curriculum activities
- Shoes with high heels, no back strap, thongs, gumboots, or roller shoes
- Non-school colour long sleeve top underneath a school polo
- Clothing that does not match our designated colours
- Decorative hair accessories that may interfere with the wearing of a hat or be deemed as inappropriate for school
- Graffitied or damaged hats

Jewellery

As the excessive wearing of jewellery can become a safety issue, jewellery is limited to the following:

- Sleepers or studs only
- Watch, including smart watches as per Mobile Phone and Device Policy.
- No other jewellery unless for medical purposes eg Medic Alert or cultural significance (parent note required)

Cosmetics and Hair

- Make up is not to be worn
- Nails need to be safe length for participation in PE activities
- It is recommended that hair longer than shoulder length is tied up

Actions

- Uniform information provided in enrolment packs
- Teachers are responsible for reminding students and families about wearing clothing that meets the Dress Code of Surrey Downs Primary School
- Leadership team will contact parents at the request of teachers should Dress Code issues remain unresolved
- When students are not wearing the correct uniform students will be supplied with a second-hand item for the day
- Reminders in newsletters re. uniform expectations at the change of seasons

Updated & Endorsed by Governing Council	June 2022
Review date	June 2024