



Swords Educate Together National School

Roll Number 20145 O

Dress Code Policy

General Information

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INTRODUCTION

This policy supersedes the previous Dress Code Policy ratified by Swords ETNS in November 2006. As a Primary School catering for children between the ages of four and twelve, Swords ETNS 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 without any unnecessary pressures.

Role of the Board of Management

The Board of Management appreciates that, through their chosen attire, pupils may express their individuality and confidence. However, we request that all Parents/guardians ensure that the clothing their children wear to our school complies with the guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines

- Clothing worn by pupils should be appropriate to an environment shared by children of Primary School age. For example, crop/bikini and off-the-shoulder tops are not suitable school wear.
- Clothing should not have slogans on it which could cause offence to other members of the school community.
- Children should wear clothing that fits comfortably, neither too small nor too big.
- Low cut hipster-type trousers are not considered appropriate neither are shorts that are considered too short or revealing, or may hinder the child's activity during the day.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or use hairspray for health/safety/allergy grounds.
- Children should wear appropriate sports wear and runners to school on those days when their class has a timetabled P.E Lesson.
- Attire worn to school throughout the week should always allow pupils to play actively and safely in the yard. Physical exertion at break times is an integral part of the school day and students' mode of dress should not inhibit them from fully participating in normal childhood

games; thus, items such as very wide long-legged trousers and shoes/boots with elevated heels should not be worn. Flip flops are particularly unsafe and should not be worn. Heelies are never allowed in school and shoelaces must be securely tied at all times. This is a health and safety matter.

- Some items of jewellery are not safe items to wear to school. Necklaces, chains and long earrings may be pulled, accidentally or otherwise, whilst wearing of large rings, brooches or badges could pose a risk (again accidentally or otherwise) to fellow students.

School Staff

The Board of Management also recognises the rights of staff to choose what they wear and how they appear. There is an expectation that school staff should be dressed in professional, smart-casual attire and be well presented in school, mindful that they are role models to the pupils. Clothing worn by staff should be appropriate to an environment shared by children of Primary School age.

While it is expected that staff present professionally, the Board of Management accepts that there are exemptions on days where the class are doing Physical Education, Sports or on School Tour and where appropriate activewear/sportswear are required. Outside of these days, the Board of Management expects the staff to dress professionally and not to wear such items of clothing.

Conclusion

Upon enrolment/employment in Swords ETNS, as with all school policies, parents/guardians and staff accept this policy as part of the school rules. The Board of Management will review the policy from time to time and as appropriate.

This Policy was ratified on: 20th September 2022



Chairperson: _____



Principal: _____