



## Dress Code

### Introductory statement:

Christ Church National School aims to maintain a child-friendly learning environment which is a safe and healthy space for our school community.

Our dress code reflects the age range and diversity of primary school children while endeavouring to keep them safe.

The Board appreciates that through their chosen attire, pupils may express their individuality and uniqueness. However, we request that all parents/guardians ensure that the clothing their children wear to school complies with the following guidelines.

### Rationale:

This policy was formulated in consultation with the teaching staff of Christ Church National School to address the following identified needs:

- Health and Safety - Children sometimes wear items of clothing/accessories that are not safe in a school environment or for specific subjects, eg PE.
- Distraction during class - Children sometimes wear accessories that are a distraction for themselves or for their classmates.

### Policy:

- Christ Church National School has no school uniform. Children are permitted to wear clothes that suit their own personality, tastes and preferences, provided they fall within the terms of this policy.
- This policy applies to all children of the school regardless of age, gender, religion or background.

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Following consultation with staff, the Board of Management, parents and children in the school, we request that the following items are **NOT** worn in school:

Clothing that could cause a child to trip in the playground, on the stairs/steps or doing PE. eg, flip flops, Crocs, very long skirts.
Clothes that result in underwear being visible.
Beachwear, crop, bikini or string tops.
High heel shoes, slingbacks, Heelys and shoes with studs, e.g. football boots.
Skimpy shorts.
Long dangling jewellery because of the risk of choking.
Costume jewellery e.g. bunny ears etc
Articles of clothing bearing slogans which could cause offence to other members of the school community. e.g. slogans with profanities or adult content.

- Shorts should be **at least mid-thigh** length if worn without tights.
- Clothes should be comfortable and suitable for the playground and PE and art/painting activities.
- Sprays, i.e. deodorant, body spray, perfume etc. should not be brought into school or to the swimming pool. These are unsafe when inhaled by students or adults with certain medical conditions.
- Coats-Children require warm coats on cold days, so they will be able to play outside. Coats with a hood are needed in wet or showery weather.
- During periods of hot weather, sun protection should be applied **before** coming to school. Children should bring a hat and wear long sleeved tops as clothing can be an excellent barrier to UV rays.
- Parents should ensure that children wear clothes that they are able to manage e.g. that the child would be able to go to the toilet on their own, to fasten their shoes, button up their jackets, etc. Where additional needs create barriers to independence, the class teacher will work with the parents to put supports in place.
- Parents are requested to label coats, hats, sweatshirts, etc with children's names. The school does not take any responsibility for lost clothes. Unclaimed clothes are placed in the lost property box and are donated to charity at the end of the school year.
- Class teachers will work closely with children and their parents, when needed, to support them in implementing the dress code. Teachers will use SPHE lessons to enforce and discuss the dress code as appropriate.

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### Roles and responsibility:

The following have particular responsibilities for aspects of the policy as outlined in the document:

- Parents.
- Children.
- Staff

### Implementation date:

The policy will be put in place following ratification by the Board of Management.

### Review:

The policy will be reviewed every three years or as appropriate.

### Ratification and communication:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 22/5/24

Signed Bruce Hayes

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Chairperson Board of Management