

NEWMAN SCHOOL POLICIES

DRESS CODE POLICY

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Dress Code

Summary

At Newman School, we believe that:

- Children need to learn to express themselves responsibly.
- Children are not all the same, so they should not be forced to look the same.
- Families would rather spend their money on clothes that their children can wear inside and outside school.
- Our strong community and positive culture will not tolerate any kind of bullying or teasing.

As such we do not have a school uniform. Instead, we have a dress code.

The Dress Code

Our dress code asks students and staff to:

Please dress appropriately and modestly.

Dress should not be offensive, dirty, revealing or excessively ripped, portray gang membership, drugs/drug paraphernalia or sexualise the child.

We should all be clean and hygienic and be mindful of overpowering perfumed products and the negative effect this has on others.

Students having difficulty with finding appropriate clothing for any reason should speak with their Form/Class Teacher.

Guidelines

For consistency, we have listed some guidelines, but recognise there may be some things that do not fall comfortably within these guidelines. Please use the process below to address any ambiguity.

Daily work within school

For a normal day within school, we do not think it appropriate for students to wear:

- Valuable or impractical clothing
- Hooped ear rings or large rings
- Impractical heels, open-toed sandals or flip-flops
- Revealing thin strapped vests / dresses, or crop tops
- Revealing or translucent leggings
- Dresses, skirts and shorts should be at least knee length

This is not intended as an exhaustive list, but as examples to illustrate how to dress appropriately.

Offsite or outdoor activities

We will always advise you in advance when there may be any specific dress requirements, during activities, for example, outdoor in gardening may require waterproof coat and trousers, warm layers of clothing, wellies/work boots, trousers, hats and gloves.

Please bring a change of clothes and footwear for when you get back to school if you think the activity will make you dirty or smelly.

Formal dress

On occasion it will be appropriate for students to dress more formally, for example during presentations, prom and other events.

At such events, students may wish to wear a shirt / blouse, trousers and shoes or a formal dress.

Although we ask students to dress smartly, this should still be modest so please refer to the guidelines for daily work within school.

Students not dressed appropriately may not be able to take part in the activity.

The Process

We recognise that we cannot provide an exhaustive set of guidelines. Instead, there is a process that allows decisions to be made.

The students Form/Class Teacher will decide what is appropriate and modest. If a student is not happy with their decision, they can raise it with the Head of Site. **The Head of Site's decision is final.**

If a staff member feels that a student is not abiding by the dress code, they can challenge the student, and should raise the issue with the students Form/Class Teacher. If the Form/Class Teacher deems the student dress is appropriate and modest, and the staff member does not agree, they can raise it with the Head of Site.

The Head of Site's decision is final.

Consequences

If a student is not in acceptable dress, their Form/Class Teacher will give them a clear and specific reason why, and how to correct it. If necessary, students may be instructed to wear school-provided clothing for that day. If not acceptable clothing is available, the student may not be able to take part in activities.

Head of site will deal with any students deliberately breaking the dress code and parents will be asked to collect or provide alternative clothing.

Branded clothing

There is a selection of Newman School branded clothing available for purchase. Contact the office to make any enquires.