

## **Raheen Wood Steiner National School - Dress Code**

The school's respect for the individuality of each child expresses itself in one way by not requiring pupils to wear a uniform. There are requirements, however, for appropriate attire for school, and these fit in entirely with the chief reason why pupils attend school; they come to school to learn. We ask for the co-operation of parents and pupils in steering a course between strict formality and casualness. Considerations in formulating a dress code include neatness, cleanliness, practicality, health and safety, modesty and suitability for movement and games. The school community does not wish for fashion trends to play a prominent role in the selection of clothes of pupils.

What follows are guidelines that are applicable at this moment in time. The interpretation of these guidelines is for the class teacher and the College of Teachers to determine.

- Clothing which is badly worn, torn or heavily soiled is not permitted.
- Indoor shoes (not slippers) must always be worn inside classrooms.
- Clothing which displays pictures, brand names or slogans is discouraged, as are sports team tops and military garments.
- Jewellery, if worn, should be non-distracting. Stud and small ring earrings only are allowed. Rings and studs for other parts of the body and face are not allowed.
- Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish.
- Parents must have a discussion with their child's class teacher before any child comes to school with hair that is dyed. Normally during school time it is not allowed, apart from inconspicuous highlights of a natural hair colour.
- Parents are required to ensure that they provide appropriate outdoor gear for their children. This clothing should be warm and rainproof, with either a hood or a hat, for break-times and outdoor activities.

Teachers are responsible for judging on the suitability of dress according to the above code. If in doubt, please check with the class teacher.