

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to re-affirm our school dress code which was first published in our School Newsdesk in April 2008. The School Dress Code is also published in the pupil planners for your perusal.

*Guidelines on school dress were prepared in 2007/2008 following consultations with pupils, parents/carers and staff.*

**Dalbeattie High School Dress Code is:**

- *A plain, collared white shirt/blouse or white polo shirt*
- *A plain, black sweatshirt, jumper or black cardigan – preferably embroidered with the school logo*
- *Plain, black trousers or black skirt suitable to a formal workplace*
- *A plain, black belt may be worn*
- *Plain socks/tights – flesh, white, black or grey*
- *Footwear that is sensible*
- *Limited jewellery, which is deemed to be safe during participation in lessons*
- *Limited make-up*
- *S6 are permitted to wear a plain collared black shirt/blouse or black polo shirt as an alternative to the white shirt.*

**The following categories of clothing are unacceptable in school at all times:**

- *Clothing which may cause health and safety problems, i.e. those that are flammable or that have attachments that may cause injury or may catch in machinery etc e.g. scarves, gloves.*
- *Footwear that may cause damage to flooring or carpets*
- *Clothing which is any other colour than those mentioned in the school dress code i.e. black and white. In particular no coloured tops should be worn under school shirts.*
- *Clothing with words or pictures which may give offence*
- *Clothing which is so tight, short or revealing that it may cause offence*
- *Clothing which advertises the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs*
- *Any form of jewellery which may interfere with safety in school*
- *Belts other than plain black*
- *Head gear – inside the school building*
- *Outdoor garments such as jackets, scarves, hats and gloves must not be worn inside the classroom.*

***PE Kit***

***All pupils participate in PE. To participate fully you should bring the following PE kit with you. Pupils must not wear any jewellery for PE.***

***Indoors: a tee shirt, shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers***

***Outdoors: a sweatshirt, tracksuit bottoms/shorts, outdoor trainers/boots and swimming wear (when required).***

***The PE Department will advise of any specific items of kit needed for sports outings.***

***NOTE: Pupils must change back into school uniform immediately after PE / activity sessions. Exception to this may be if there is PE before and after morning break.***

Although this policy, as given above, was created nearly 2 years ago, it is obvious that some young people are testing the boundaries and stretch the interpretations of the School Dress Code.

Having been in the school as Headteacher for a few weeks, the following do not give the impression of a smart dress code nor are they in keeping with the policy:

bright decorative colourful scarves (in the corridors or in classes)

Bright jewellery such as large necklace beads

Long neck chains

Large ear rings

'Glimpses' of silver/metallic belts

Plunging necklines with t-shirts underneath white collared tops

Black Denims

I believe it is very important that all pupils are encouraged to adhere to the School Dress Code, and in doing so, trying to prepare them for the world of work.

I hope I can count on your support in this matter. Please feel free to comment on this on your Feedback Form which is enclosed with the young person's report card if you so wish or contact the school if you need further clarification and/or support in this.

Yours sincerely

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