TBS Dress Code for Children and Students

The British School has no set school uniform. We recognise that everyone has their own preferences when it comes to personal appearance.

Students are **ambassadors for our school** and it is therefore important that they are smartly dressed whenever they come into contact with members of the public. A range of authorised outsiders visit the school very regularly and, moreover, we arrange an increasing number of inter-school competitions and sports fixtures.

The following should be born in mind when students dress for school.

- health and safety
- hygiene
- student rivalry, i.e. to deter ‘fashion competitions’
- cultural awareness and sensitivity

**We consider that a neat polo shirt, T-shirt or sweatshirt and a pair of fitted shorts, trousers or a knee-length skirt both look smart and businesslike and are appropriate to wear in all school environments.**

**General guidance**

1. Clothes must be clean and tidy.
2. Appropriate footwear should be worn – no flip-flops, open toe sandals, high heeled or platform shoes.
3. Older children should wear clothes, which are sensitive to the culture in which we live. (Bare shoulders-strappy tops, tight short shorts and skirts are not suitable attire).
4. No jewellery is to be worn except for ear studs (to keep the piercing open) and jewellery worn for religious reasons.
5. PE kit or any specialist clothing should be clearly named.
6. Children with long hair must ensure that it is well groomed and tied back neatly away from the face so that it does not present a safety hazard at school. Over casual presentation and extreme hairstyles are not acceptable.

**Additional guidance for primary pupils**

7. Clothing must allow the children in Primary to dress and undress themselves easily. Children need to be able to change independently for PE and be able to take off and put on clothing according to how hot or cold they feel.
8. Skirts and dresses must be no longer than mid-calf as longer hem lines may hamper the child moving around especially in an emergency.
9. Outdoor shoes must be suitable for outdoor activity without the risk of them slipping off. The suggestion is pumps or trainers that your child can fasten independently. CROCS are not suitable outdoor footwear.
10. As it is the policy in the Primary Section to remove outdoor shoes in classrooms all children must have a pair of indoor shoes or slippers with non-slip soles to wear in the classroom. (Many floors are marble or wood and can be slippery when children are just in socks. In an emergency the children are drilled to leave the classrooms and go outside so it is important they have a pair of indoor shoes).
11. Children must be able to put on, fasten and remove their footwear by themselves. Laces are not appropriate for children who cannot tie them.
12. All items of clothing/shoes must be clearly named.
13. PE kit or any specialist-clothing for clubs must be kept in a named bag.

**Additional guidance for the Sixth Form**

Smart slacks, chinos (both in modest colours) or jeans – no cargo pockets, not overly baggy, no rips etc. Smart shorts, not board shorts, and not overly short.

A stiff collar or polo shirt (collared blouse or polo shirt for girls); plain or striped only; modest colours.

A Cardigan or v-neck jumper – plain or thin-striped, modest colours (optional, under jacket).

Piercings – one stud per ear for boys and for girls a dangle, hoop or stud and one nose stud.

Formal attire – ties, business suits, sports jackets are all acceptable wear.