

Primrose Hill National School

Dress Code Policy

As a primary school catering for children between the ages of four to thirteen, Primrose Hill National School aims to maintain a safe, child-friendly learning environment where all pupils are free to pass through the various stages of their development without any unnecessary pressures.

The Board of Management request that all parents/guardians co-operate fully in ensuring the following dress code is complied with:

- In the interest of health and safety children should wear appropriate attire, such as tracksuits and runners, on those days when their class has timetabled PE.
- Pupils may wear their own clothing to Primrose Hill National School and in so doing express their individuality and confidence. Their chosen attire should, however, be appropriate to an environment shared by children of primary school age e.g. children should not wear any article of clothing bearing a slogan which could cause offence to other members of the school community.
- The clothing worn during school times must also allow pupils to play actively and safely in the school yard: physical exertion at break times is an integral part of the school day and a student's mode of dress should not prohibit them from fully participating in normal childhood games. At school, both girls and boys should wear clothes that cover their shoulders/torso/stomach and shorts or skirts should be mid-thigh length, to allow for safe play in all weather conditions.
- In the interest of health and safety and for the child's development, properly fitted footwear should be worn. Footwear should support the development of the child's foot. As an Active School, children should be prepared to participate in P.E. type activities on all days. Wellingtons, flip-flops and fashion shoes are not suitable and can cause injury. Where wellingtons are used to travel to and from school on rainy days, a second appropriate pair of shoes should be available in the child's schoolbag.
- In the interest of health and safety, jewellery should not be worn to school; necklaces, chains, bracelets/ bangles and long earrings may all be pulled, accidentally or otherwise, whilst the wearing of large rings, brooches or badges could pose a risk (again accidentally or otherwise) to fellow pupils. Simple stud earrings and a watch may be worn.
- Pupils should not wear make-up to school at any time.
- In the interest of health and safety, any child (male or female) with hair long enough to tie back, should do so. Hair ties are provided for those who have forgotten to bring a hair tie to school with them.

Timeframe for Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years, if required. This policy was adopted by the Board of Management at a properly convened meeting of the Board on ___ June 2025.

Signed: Slym Ward
Chairperson

Date: 11/6/25

Signed: Lorraine Flood
Principal

Date: 11.06.2025