



## Clothing Policy

### Purpose

Alder Bridge School does not have a School uniform and this Policy and its Procedure give guidelines for ensuring that pupils are appropriately dressed. They will support the well-being of the pupils; the management of the practical impact of the weather; and the appropriate image of the school.

It includes guidelines for jewellery, make-up and hair-styles as well as clothing. Pupils should always look tidy and smart, and clothes should be well cared for and well-fitting.

### Scope

This policy applies to all pupils in the School and the Kindergartens during school time and during out-of-hours school activities and trips.

### Procedure and Guidelines

#### Responsibilities

Parents are required to provide the following items (School and Kindergarten) :

- Indoor shoes / slippers
- Games shoes if appropriate
- Wellington boots
- Waterproof trousers and coat
- Warm hat and gloves (seasonal)
- Sun hat (seasonal)
- Bag with spare set of indoor clothing

Clothing and footwear should be manageable by the children themselves (particularly in the case of the younger children).

Teachers (Class and Kindergarten) will be responsible for any reminders that need to be given to pupils and/or parents. The school has a duty of care for the well-being of pupils and the teachers have the final decision on what is considered appropriate for the weather conditions. Relevant Government Health and Safety guidance will be taken into account. Exceptions to the requirements for pupils may be made, after consultation with parents and Class teacher / SENCo, where there is supportive medical advice or other professional assessment.

### Specific Instructions

#### TOPS

Not Acceptable

- Large images of logos, letters, numbers (see below)
- Photographic images
- Cartoon images
- Camouflage patterns
- Tops should not be excessively baggy
- Strappy tops, halter-necks,
- Short T-shirts/tops – tops should overlap the top of the trousers/skirt when arms are raised.

As some logo lettering appears on almost every top, the 'matchbox test' will be used for determining whether the size of the logo is too large i.e. Using a small matchbox, if the lettering or logo exceeds the area of the matchbox, then it is too large.

#### TROUSERS

Not Acceptable

- Camouflage type (whatever colour)
- Ultra baggy/low-waisted trousers

#### SKIRTS

**Not Acceptable**

- Short skirts – ie which expose underwear during normal movement

**FOOTWEAR**

## Outdoors

- Sensible/sturdy outdoor shoes for wearing to and from School/Kindergarten or out in the play-ground/garden in good weather
- If sandals are worn in summer they should be flat and sturdy, and ideally with heel strap and cover toes

## Indoors

- One pair of flat shoes for indoors – **NOT trainers** (plimsolls/sturdy slippers acceptable) – **(these shoes must be suitable for active movement in Class/Kindergarten, such as hopping, skipping, etc and stay on the feet without slipping off.)**

## Games/Sports

- Plimsolls for indoor games
- Proper sports trainers for outside sports – Class 4 up

**Not Acceptable**

- Flashing lights on footwear
- Cartoon/media images on footwear
- Heels over approximately 3cm
- Flip-flops

**JEWELLERY**

## Kindergarten to Class 3

- No jewellery or watches (The Class 3 curriculum includes a Main Lesson on Time and after this watches may be worn)

## Classes 4 and above\*

- Watches, bracelets, necklaces and ear studs may be worn provided that:
  - They do not distract from learning
  - They are safe in the playground
  - They are 'discreet'

\*Wearing of any of these items is at the teachers' discretion

**HAIR**

## All Classes inc. Kindertagens

- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back for safety reasons during certain festivals and certain lessons e.g. science, woodwork, pottery, cookery, and games. It should be secured away from the face using clips or bands during book work. Teachers will 'lend' hair bands if necessary.
- No hair colouring
- No shaved hair with 'designs in'
- No hair pieces

**MAKE-UP**

## All Classes inc. Kindertagens

- No make-up is to be worn. This includes nail polish.

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