



**Esker Educate Together National School
Dress Code Policy**

As a primary school catering for children between the ages of four to thirteen, the Esker Educate Together 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 with non-marking soles, on those days when their class has timetabled PE or swimming session.
- Pupils may wear their own clothing to Esker Educate Together 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 knees to allow for safe play in all weather conditions.
- In the interest of health and safety jewellery should not be worn to school; necklaces, chains 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.
- Pupils should not wear make-up to school at any time.

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 27th September 2021**