



DRESS CODE

Approved: Governing Body Education Committee

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Belper School and Sixth Form Centre has an established dress code that all students are expected to adhere to. This is published on the school website. The code exists to stress the need for students to be suitably and appropriately dressed for a day's work at school.

The dress code is as follows:

- Coats should be removed in lessons. This includes jackets and other outer 'coat-like' garments but not jumpers or hoodies
- Tops should be appropriate for school and not display any aspect of underwear, be too revealing or display any midriff
- Legwear should be appropriate, and not display any aspect of underwear.
- Shorts or skirts must be an appropriate length (mid-thigh) for the school environment
- Clothing should not display offensive or inappropriate words, slogans or logos
- No headgear (eg. hats or caps) is to be worn inside school buildings other than that pertaining to a religious belief or if there is a specific medical reason agreed by the headteacher.
- Hoods are not to be worn up inside the school buildings
- Footwear should be appropriate for school and the activities being undertaken within school. Flip-flops or sliders should not be worn
- Open backed and open toed footwear are not suitable for Technology or science due to this being a health and safety risk and cannot be worn
- Students are not allowed to wear inappropriate length nails that would impede writing, typing or their participation in PE lessons
- Students are not to wear inappropriate length nails or acrylic nails for technology; this is also a health and safety risk

Detailed below is additional guidance that supports the code and identifies the steps taken when the code is breached.

- Tutors will check for the correct dress code at each registration session. This will be supported by class teachers and other staff throughout the day
- If a student breaches the code they will be collected by MOSOC and taken to the Reflection room and offered alternative clothing that is suitable, if available
- This clothing can be borrowed for the rest of the day and should be returned to the Reflection Room when school ends. Alternatively, they can borrow the alternative clothing until other clothing is brought in from home. Arrangements for this may be organised by the student at social times
- If a student refuses to wear the alternative clothing they will be retained in the Reflection Room for the rest of the day. Refusal to cooperate will lead to further sanctions up to and including suspension from school
- Staff will contact home and discuss persistent breaches of the dress code
- Persistent breaches of the school dress code will lead to further and more serious sanctions.