

How can I encourage my child to wear the school Dress Code?

School dress code always causes a lot of debate amongst parents and from viewing minutes of Parent Council meetings over the years, it has been debated at great length on numerous occasions! There are so many varying opinions - some parents and pupils would prefer full uniform (shirt, tie, blazer) while others prefer the more relaxed polo shirt & jumper style.

Many parents find mornings stressful enough without getting into arguments with their teenagers about what they can and can't wear to school. We're lucky as the Douglas-Ewart's dress code has the flexibility to suit everyone. Whilst shirt and tie is a requirement in S6 and encouraged throughout the school (the new S1s in recent years have been gifted a school tie), the simple black and white colour scheme is easy to follow and caters for every budget. Plus the items of clothing can be worn out with school as they don't need to have the school logo on, so they can have a multi-purpose.

The school regularly reminds pupils to stick to the dress code and it's much easier for us as parents if they all do. When one girl starts wearing leggings instead of school trousers or skirt or someone wears a heavily branded sweatshirt to school, others assume that it's OK to do so and so begins heated debates in many households!



As parents normally pay for the children's clothes, we should have some say in what is bought! So if we all stick to the School Dress Code it will make life easier for us all. Next time we're purchasing school clothes, remember it should be school trousers or skirts NOT fashion clothing such as leggings, trackies or denim. Jumpers/sweatshirts should be plain black (without large branded logos) and shoes should also be black.

We all want our children to look smart and "fit in" at school and the dress code is an easy one to follow. Fashion conscious teenagers will always want a say in what they wear – there's no point buying something they don't like as you know they won't wear it! But the black and white colour scheme is easy to work with as there is always clothing to suit all budgets and tastes in those colours. Work with your child to find clothes that they are happy to wear but which also adhere to the school's dress code – that way everyone will be happy and there will be one less argument on a school morning!

THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE IS:

Pullover/sweatshirt: black (if not school logo, should be plain not heavily branded)

Shirt /blouse: white (plain black shirts (collared) are also acceptable)

School Tie (available from the school office)

Trousers: black or grey (not fashion clothing such as leggings, trackies, denim)

Skirt: black or grey

Shoes: black