



CHRYSALIS STEINER SCHOOL

educating the whole child

DRESS CODE POLICY & PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

Policy

Students at Chrysalis School are expected to wear comfortable clothes and shoes appropriate for a broad range of school activities, indoors and out, including physical education, games and eurhythmy. Children's clothing must protect them from the elements – the cold, the rain, the mud, and the hot sun. Children's choices are heavily influenced through peer pressure, marketing and the media.

The Chrysalis Dress Code aims to provide guidelines which help limit this influence in our school.

Procedural Guidelines

By helping children to select appropriate clothing, we not only allow them to enjoy the activities available to them, but also lay the foundations for a strong and healthy body to serve them throughout their lives.

Shoes

Shoes are worn to protect the feet. Healthy feet develop best through their own activity. This means that students need shoes with strong, flat heels and soles. The soles should prevent sliding. Likewise, shoes need backs to keep the foot snugly in place. Platforms, high heels and overly cushioned shoes put a distance between the foot and the earth, hindering the foot's ability to develop optimally and often the student's ability to move freely. Therefore, flat shoes are required. Shoes that tie are preferred.

Clothing Size

We recognise that clothing is a potent way to make a statement of identity. Nevertheless, we ask that children wear clothing that is clean and fits well. Clothing that is too tight restricts a child's movement and encourages unhealthy self-consciousness. Oversized and "sagging" clothing inhibits movement and promotes an inappropriately relaxed attitude. Oversized clothing and dangling accessories can also be a safety hazard during certain school activities.

Graphics

In our school we work to create simple, beautiful environments free from the influence of marketing and the media. A visually restful environment leaves students free to concentrate on the task of learning and to express their individuality. We request your help in dressing your children in a way that supports this effort. Please carefully consider the patterns, colours and graphics on clothing with this in mind (for example, a beautiful batik flower on a T-shirt is appropriate; large, distracting graphics are not). Graphics depicting drugs, alcohol, violence, the media, advertising, cartoons or caricatures are not suitable for school attire. Camouflage carries a variety of connotations, none of which belongs in our primary school.

Actions to be taken:

Class teachers will ensure that the Dress Code is adhered to.

The Education Manager will conduct random periodic clothing inspections to ensure students are upholding the standards of the Dress Code.

Children not following the Chrysalis Dress Code will be asked to remediate this.

Actions will include:

1st instance: students are given a verbal warning and a letter is sent to parents advising of dress code and particulars of non-compliant clothing. The letter needs to be returned to school, signed by parent.

2nd instance: child is given a second letter and asked to remove/cover up/turn inside out the non-compliant item of clothing. Some replacement clothing is kept at the school for this purpose. The letter needs to be returned to school, signed by parent.

3rd instance: child is sent home final letter. In the case of T-shirts that are non-compliant, the child is supplied with a Chrysalis T-shirt which is charged to the parent, in other cases children will be formally disciplined.

Chrysalis Primary and Middle School Dress Code Summary:

Hats

- Broad-brimmed hats are compulsory in the Primary School ground. No hat = no outside play. Hats with slogans, cartoons, distracting pictures or brand names larger than pocket-size are not suitable for school. Caps are permitted in the Middle School but broad brimmed hats are preferred.

Hair and make-up

- Hair needs to be worn clear of the face. Make-up is not allowed at school.

Jewellery

- Dangling earrings are not safe or suitable for school and should be kept to a minimum. Studs may be worn until Class 6, after which small earrings are acceptable.

Clothing

- Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather. In cold and damp weather, we ask parents to insist on warm clothing. Loose clothing is suggested for summer; however, midriff tops and tops with shoe-string straps are not acceptable at any time.
- Clothes with slogans, cartoons, fluorescent colours, camouflage pattern or distracting pictures are not suitable for a classroom situation and are unacceptable; brand names are permitted provided they are no larger than pocket-sized and are not offensive.
- No black t-shirts for Classes K - 5 (black clothing is not recommended for children in Kindergarten, or Class 1 through to 5 and may not be worn to school). Plain colours are recommended to be worn.
- Shorts and skirts must be of a length which allows for freedom of movement and play. If wearing a skirt or dress, it is advisable to wear shorts underneath allowing for freedom of movement.

Shoes

- Flat shoes with a good gripping sole and firm backing that hugs the ankle are to be worn. Children should be comfortable and be able to move freely and run. Warm socks and closed in shoes are needed for winter.
- Sandals and closed shoes are acceptable; thongs, platform shoes, crocs, slip on sandals or high heels are not.
- Shoes must be worn in the playground however they may be removed if it is suitable for a particular activity.
- Children must wear shoes whilst travelling to and from school on the bus.