



# **DRESS CODE**

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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
- When in school no underwear or midriff should be visible
- Clothing should not display offensive or inappropriate words, slogans or logos
- No headgear (e.g. 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 excessively long or acrylic nails that could interfere with writing, typing, PE, or technology lessons due to safety concerns
- Students may wear piercings, but they must be removable and must be taken out for PE lessons for safety reasons
- Students are not permitted to wear clothing associated with nightwear, this includes pyjamas, fleece loungewear or dressing gowns

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 a member of staff 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.
- If a student refuses to wear the alternative clothing they will remain in the Reflection room for the rest of the day. Refusal to cooperate could lead to further consequences inline with our school behaviour policy.
- Staff will contact home and discuss persistent breaches of the dress code
- Persistent breaches of the school dress code could lead to further and more serious consequences.