

The following language will appear in the TWS Parent Handbook:

TWS Lower School Dress Code

The TWS lower school dress code encourages clothing choices that create a focused, safe and supportive learning environment while at the same time respecting each family's freedom to choose clothing according to their unique tastes, cultures and values. Exceptions to the dress code can be made for health, cultural or religious reasons by speaking directly with your child(ren)'s class teacher.

We ask:

1. That all children have ***safe freedom of movement***

- Children must be dressed in a way that allows them to move and play with ease and comfort
- Excessively baggy, tight, long-hemmed or short-hemmed clothing should be avoided to allow for safety, freedom and comfort even when climbing, running and jumping rope
- Jewelry and accessories are reasonably simple and light to allow for safety, even while climbing, running and jumping rope
- Outdoor and indoor shoes should be safe, supportive and suitable for the weather (no flip flops)

2. That all children are ***dressed so that they are safe and healthy in every kind of weather***

- *Spring/Summer Requirements and Restrictions*
  - Sunhats
  - Layers are encouraged so that children may remove and put on clothing according to outside temperatures
  - Shoes are supportive and weather appropriate
  - In warmer weather sandals that are secured around the ankle are permissible
  - Avoid Tube tops, crop tops & spaghetti straps (see freedom of movement)

- *Autumn/Winter Requirements and Restrictions*
  - Warm winter hats that cover the ears
  - Warm gloves, socks, neck warmers/scarves and warm layers
  - Snowsuit and snowboots
  - Rainsuit including rainpants, rainhat, raincoat and rainboots

3. That each child's clothing choices support ***a simple and focused learning environment***

- Avoid clothing, accessories and scents that are overly distracting to the eye or senses
- Avoid logos, animated characters, pictures and "day glow" (neon) colours
- Avoid ripped, torn or frayed clothing
- Hair should be worn off of the face to allow clear vision
- Subtle/natural makeup and nail polish is permissible only from grade 7 onwards

**Class teachers are the only members of faculty who are to speak to the children in *their specific class about the dress code. All teachers will help in the monitoring of adherence to the dress code.***

If a class teacher finds that a child in their class is not dressed in alignment with the above dress code, that teacher will take the following actions:

- In **Grades 5 - 8** students not adhering to the dress code will be required to wear their own or a supplied gym shirt or a compliant shirt from their extra clothing bag.
- In **Grades 1-4** children will be required to wear a dress code compliant shirt from their extra clothing bag and the parents will be notified by the class teacher.

It is expected that the student will wear appropriate clothing the next day.

**Please Note:**

Class or Speciality teachers may ask that children wear specific clothing for field trips, festivals, recitals, assemblies and/or class plays.