

BRIDGETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compulsory Student Dress Code

Bridgetown Primary School's dress code is tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. The school's community believes the wearing of school uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school, creating a sense of identity among our students and discourages competitive dressing amongst students.

The benefits include:

- ~ promoting safety of students through easier identification;
- ~ appropriate for school activities;
- ~ keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents; and
- ~ assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

In developing our dress code, the School Council considered,

- ~ the need of individual students
- ~ general safety and equity standards
- ~ the opinions of parents, students and staff.

School management of the dress code is a balance between establishing standards, allowing reasonable opportunity for individual self-expression and taking account of diversity.

Exemptions and sanctions are managed according to principles of equity, fairness and consistency.

DRESS CODE

Footwear

Students will wear closed in, preferably laced up, shoes at all times. Physical activity is part of school's daily routine and as such, footwear needs to be appropriate for running.

Thongs or high heeled sandals are not suitable for school wear.

Clothing

Students are expected to wear school uniform (see Uniforms).

Denim, surf wear, tank tops, and clothing displaying motifs or designs are not considered an appropriate part of the uniform and should not be worn under any circumstances.

Students may wear tights and leggings that are black in colour provided they are worn with the checked dress or the approved colored skirt.

Hats

The school has a "No Hat, No Play in the Sun" position that is in force for the entire school year. All students are therefore expected to wear a hat when outside. The school hat can be purchased as wide brim or bucket style.

Jewellery

Small studs and sleepers are acceptable. Costume jewellery is not acceptable. A single set of earrings may be worn.

Any body piercings that are visible are to be removed or covered with secure tape (a risk management plan will be completed and the child will be unable to participate in recess, lunch, fitness or sport – they will be supervised in the office).

If jewellery is worn, the child will be asked to remove it and to put it into his or her bag for the day.

Medic Alert jewellery is exempted.

Hair

Any hair shoulder length or longer needs to be fully tied up.
Fringes longer than eyebrow length must be clipped back from the face.

Makeup and Nails

Makeup is considered inappropriate and is not to be worn at school.
Nail polish should not be worn.
Nails should be kept short for safety reasons.

UNIFORMS

The wearing of school uniform at Bridgetown Primary School is compulsory and this is strongly supported by both the School Council and staff. Parents are asked to outfit their children according to the requirements.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Navy polo shirt

Plain black or navy blue shorts, skirt or skort

Blue checked dress

Shorts, skirts & dresses to be of appropriate length - Mid thigh or longer

WINTER UNIFORM

Navy polo shirt

Plain black or navy blue cargo pants, trousers or track pants

Zip front fleece jacket or school sport jacket

The wearing of FACTION polo shirts is encouraged on sport days.

INTERSCHOOL UNIFORM

Plain black shorts or sports skirt

Navy/white shirt

Navy track suit if very cold

Sport shoes

N.B. Shirt & jacket for Interschool sports may be provided by the school's P&C

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

Families who may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to seek a solution.

MODIFICATIONS/EXEMPTIONS TO THE DRESS CODE

The grounds for exemption or modification to the dress code relate to student health, ethnic considerations and/or religion. Parents wanting to apply for an exemption are required to make an appointment with the Principal or Deputy Principals. Staff will be informed of students granted an exemption/modification to the dress code.

INCENTIVES

A positive approach will be maintained. Children will be encouraged to comply with the dress code through incentives, such as free dress days.

SANCTIONS

Students attending school in a non uniform T – Shirt will be provided with a uniform T –Shirt to wear for the day. Where exemptions have not been sought, and continued non-compliance with the dress code occurs, the Principal may prevent the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school (e.g. sport, drama, music).

Additionally, the Principal may prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program (e.g. excursions and school social functions). These sanctions apply to events both in and out of school hours. A student will not be excluded from an excursion that is an essential part of the educational program. Parents will be informed by phone if possible and then followed up with a letter if sanctions are to be applied.

Confidentiality will be strictly maintained when dealing with students and parents for non compliance with the school dress code.