



FARNEY CLOSE SCHOOL

Young person's dress and appearance Policy

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Farney Close School acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard, protect and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. This knowledge has informed the writing of this policy.

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the pupil body. These factors contribute to pupils' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers which can often lead to bullying. A school uniform teaches pupils to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. Uniforms help pupils to prepare for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform.

To support pupils in this area, on arrival to school at the beginning of every school day, pupils school uniform will be checked.

It is the responsibility of the Teaching Assistants to ensure that day pupils are in the correct uniform and that the appropriate check list is completed. It is the responsibility of Residential Social Care Workers to ensure that correct uniform is adhered to by residential pupils and for tutors to undertake uniform checks and address any concerns. All staff are expected to work together to ensure the correct uniform is worn by all pupils.

What is the school uniform and social wear?

All young people will wear school uniform during the school day.

All young people will wear appropriate school shoes. Shoes must be completely black, low heeled and formal in style. Shoes must be able to be polished i.e., not made of canvas or suede. No boots or steel or hardened shoes are allowed at all at Farney Close and Trainers are not allowed in the school day.

Pupils are permitted to wear black or grey tailored trousers. Pupils may wear knee length tailored shorts or skirt in the second summer term if approval by the SLT has been communicated home.

The school will supply all pupils with two red polo shirts and two grey sweatshirts both displaying the Farney Close logo. Pupils are not permitted to wear an alternative to these. Parents or carers will be responsible for supplying additional school uniform where necessary.

Coats are not to be worn inside the school buildings or class. All young people must have a warm, waterproof coat in school with them for adverse weather.

Young people may not wear hoodies with or without a zip or jackets e.g. denim as an outside coat during the school day.

Young people may wear hats, gloves or scarves at break times, and they must all be removed when in the main building, classrooms or on the house. Baseball hats can be worn only in social time, though not in any building. No full-face head wear, e.g. balaclavas are allowed at all.

No young people may wear any clothing or head wear associated with gang identity.

No young person may wear short, revealing tops, such as vests or strappy tops during social time.

Where young people wish to follow their religious or cultural choice in relation to attire, advice must be sought in advance.

What hairstyles are acceptable?

Hair must be worn in a style that in the judgement of the school is appropriate for a formal uniform situation. An unnatural, striking appearance that may be considered suitable for social occasions is inappropriate for the school.

Shaved patterns, undercuts, extensive braiding or beading, unless for cultural or religious reason, are not acceptable. Where young people wish to follow their religious or cultural choice in relation to hairstyles, advice must be sought in advance.

Short style haircuts must be no shorter than a grade No. 2.

Unnatural/extremes of colour, for example those caused through dyeing or bleaching are not acceptable.

Hairstyles with coloured streaks, patterns or two-tones are not acceptable.

Young people with long hair must ensure it does not obscure the face and is kept tidy at all times. Young people may be requested to tie hair back if necessary. Boys should attend the school clean shaven.

What are the rules on jewellery, piercings, rings, tattoos and make up?

Young people may only wear one pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe. No facial, tongue or body piercings are allowed.

Young people may wear only one small, flat ring and a watch. No other jewellery or accessories are permitted.

No tattoos are allowed.

Make up must be minimal and appropriate. No nail polish or fake nails to be worn during the school day or whilst participating in food preparation.

Young people are permitted to wear a watch for telling the time. Smart watches are not permitted. This is due to potential capabilities of accessing the internet and unwarranted communication.