

Uniform & Dress Code Policy

Illuminate You, Learning for Life Lodge

1. Purpose

Illuminate You, Learning for Life Lodge aims to foster a positive learning environment that encourages self-expression while maintaining standards of dress that promote safety, respect, and readiness for learning.

This policy sets out guidelines for appropriate student clothing.

2. General Expectations

Students are expected to wear clothing that:

- Is appropriate for a learning environment.
- Is comfortable and practical for both classroom and outdoor activities.
- Respects health and safety guidelines.
- Aligns with the school's ethos of mutual respect and inclusivity.

3. Clothing Guidelines

Students **must** wear:

- **Tops:** T-shirts, shirts, jumpers, or hoodies that cover the torso appropriately.
- **Bottoms:** Trousers, jeans, joggers, leggings, skirts, or shorts that are of an appropriate length and fit.
- **Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes for safety (no flip-flops or backless footwear).
- **Outdoor Wear:** Weather-appropriate clothing, such as coats, hats, and gloves when required.

Students **must not** wear:

- Clothing with offensive language, images, or slogans.
- Clothing that exposes midriffs, underwear, or excessive skin.
- Ripped clothing that is inappropriate or unsafe.
- High heels, flip-flops, or unsafe footwear that may cause injury.
- Hats or hoods inside classrooms, unless for religious or medical reasons.

4. Physical Activity & Practical Sessions

- Students must wear suitable sportswear for physical activities (e.g., PE, outdoor learning).
- Protective clothing must be worn for practical sessions (e.g., cooking, art, science).

5. Personal Presentation

- Hair must be clean and well-groomed. Extreme hairstyles that may cause disruption are discouraged.
- Jewellery must be minimal and safe (no large hoop earrings or excessive accessories).
- Makeup must be subtle and appropriate for a learning environment.

6. Religious & Cultural Considerations

Illuminate You respects students' rights to wear religious or cultural clothing. Any concerns regarding dress code should be discussed with school leadership.

7. Enforcement & Support

- If a student's clothing is deemed inappropriate, staff will discuss concerns discreetly with the student and, if necessary, contact parents/carers.
- Students may be asked to change or cover up inappropriate clothing.
- The school may provide spare clothing in case of emergencies.

This policy ensures that students can express themselves while maintaining a respectful, safe, and conducive environment for learning.