



Staff Behaviour Policy

This document provides a guide for adults working and volunteering in

Leehurst Swan School



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This policy provides a guide for adults working and volunteering in Leehurst Swan School regarding acceptable and desirable conduct to safeguard children.

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Out of hours:		0300 456 0100	
<p>If you believe a child is at immediate risk of significant harm or injury, you must call the police on 999.</p>			

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Introduction

Leehurst Swan is committed to providing positive academic, social and emotional outcomes for our children, underpinned by a strong safeguarding ethos. We are equally committed to the welfare of our staff, who are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professional behaviour to maintain confidence and respect of the general public and colleagues.

The governors will make sure that this policy reflects national and local requirements to protect and support the children and adults in our school.

We will fulfil our local and national responsibilities as laid out in the following key documents:

- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023)
- The procedures of Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP)

This policy:

- is based on the Guidance for Safer Working Practice for those working with children and young people in education settings (May 2019 with April 2020 Addendum).
- aims to provide a guide for adults about acceptable and desirable conduct to ensure that staff maintain safe working practice and so safeguard both children and adults.
- does not provide a complete checklist of appropriate behaviour for staff in every circumstance. Staff must make judgements about their behaviour to secure the best interests and welfare of the children in their charge and, in so doing, will be seen to be acting reasonably.

In *very exceptional* circumstances where a member of staff believes it is the best interest of a child to breach these guidelines, that person **must** tell the Headteacher of the justification for any proposed, or action already taken, at the earliest opportunity. The Headteacher will make a written record of that discussion including any areas of disagreement and actions taken.

Scope

This policy is consistent with all other policies adopted by the governors and should be read alongside the **Child Protection and Safeguarding policy** and the **Staff Code of Conduct** as well as the following documents relevant to the safety and welfare of our children:

- Behaviour policy
- Learning Support policy
- Online Safety policy
- Health and safety policy
- Whistleblowing policy
- Complaints policy

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This policy applies to all staff and volunteers working at our school.

For the purposes of this policy:

- 'Staff' refers to all those working for the school, full time or part time, on a temporary basis, or permanent, in a paid or regular voluntary capacity.
- A 'volunteer' is a person who performs an activity that involves spending time, unpaid in this school (except for approved expenses).
- A 'position of trust' is one in which one party is in a position of power or influence over another, due to their work or the nature of their activity.
- 'Child' refers to all children up to the age of 18. All adults are in positions of trust in relation to every child (and student over the age of 18) at our school.

It does not apply to employees of external contractors and providers of services (eg contract cleaners). Such staff are covered by the relevant Code of Conduct of their employing body.

Expectations

All staff:

- are familiar with this policy and have an opportunity to contribute to its review.
- understand their responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- are aware that failure to meet the standards of behaviour and conduct in this policy may result in disciplinary action. This includes dismissal, criminal action and/or other proceedings including barring by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) from working in regulated activity.

Mandatory Procedures

Confidentiality

The sorting and processing of personal information is governed by GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations 2018) - see Data Protection policy (Privacy Notice).

Child records are shared via CPOMS with those who have a professional need to see them. When staff have access to confidential information about colleagues, children or their parents/carers, the staff must treat such information in a sensitive and confidential way, sharing it only in the interests of a child and when legally permitted to do so.

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Governors should not routinely access child records. Exceptions to this would be for the purpose of an investigation in line with the school's complaint policy and procedures.

Staff and governors will not use their position to gain access to information for their own advantage and/or a child's or family's detriment.

If a member of staff is concerned that a child is being abused, is at risk of being abused or may have been abused in the past, they will follow the agreed procedure set out in the flowchart 'What to do if you are worried about a child', displayed in the staff room, Prep workroom and staff cloakrooms. See Safeguarding and Child Protection policy (September 2021).

If a member of staff is ever in any doubt about whether to share information or not, they should get advice from the designated safeguarding lead.

Staff relationships with children and parents

Staff responsibilities

All staff know that:

- they are in positions of trust in relation to all children (and any students over the age of 18) on roll. They ensure that the power imbalance is never used for personal advantage or gratification. They avoid behaviour which might be interpreted by others as an abuse of the position of trust and report any incident with this potential to the manager. This includes sharing personal contact details with children or families.
- they have a legal duty to protect the interests of children and accept the obligations inherent in that responsibility.
- it is important that they determine how best to build trusted relationships with children and young people which facilitate communication, using professional curiosity and speaking to the DSL if they have concerns about a child.
- they must not establish or seek to establish social contact with children to secure a friendship or to pursue or strengthen a relationship.
- they must inform the Headteacher of any pre-existing (prior to the member of staff or child starting at the school) or new relationship with a child or close family member, which they feel, might compromise the school or their own professional standing.
- they should disclose any relationship or association (in the real world or online) that may impact on the school's ability to safeguard pupils.
- it is an offence (Sexual Offences Act 2003) for a member of staff in a position of trust to engage in **any** form of sexual activity with a child under the age of 18.

Certain behaviours are at odds with a position of trust. These include, but are not limited to:

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- Harassment or discrimination based on any characteristic protected by the Equality Act 2010
- Loss of personal civility including, personal attacks or insults, displays of temper (such as throwing objects), unwanted physical contact (pushing, shoving, hitting) or the threat of the same.
- Staff must not swear, blaspheme or use offensive language in front of pupils, nor use language which is discriminatory and demeaning in any way.

Such behaviours are disciplinary offences and may be referred to Local Authority and/or the police.

Communication with children and parents, including social contact outside of the workplace

Staff must use their professional judgement when requesting or accepting any social contact (including through social media). This means that they must:

- not accept any request from pupils for contact via any social media platform.
- make a judgement about whether to maintain the connection in any cases where contacts were made before the child started at the school (eg teacher being friend with a parent). Staff must discuss any decision to maintain such contact with the Headteacher.

We acknowledge that staff may have friendships and social contact with parents of children outside of school. Staff will not engage in conduct outside work that could damage their professional reputation or the reputation of the school community.

Any contact between staff and children and/or parents that is deemed to bring the school into disrepute or that might lead a reasonable person to question the staff member's motivation or intentions will always be investigated and could lead to disciplinary action.

Staff must not make sexual innuendos or any comments of a sexual nature to any pupil (other than in the context of sex and relationship education in the PSHE curriculum), nor make any comments trivialising alcohol or drug abuse.

Occasionally, pupils may develop an infatuation for a member of staff. In such situations, the advice of the Headteacher/Deputy Head must be sought. Staff should deal with these situations sensitively and appropriately to maintain the dignity and safety of all concerned. They should remain aware, however, that such infatuations carry a high risk of words or actions being misinterpreted and should therefore make every effort to ensure that their own behaviour is beyond reproach.

Staff must inform the Headteacher of any proposed or pre-existing arrangements between them and the families of children on roll that take place outside school eg baby-sitting, sports coaching, music tuition.

Staff are advised to wait until after an ex-pupil's 18th birthday before accepting any request on social media.

Gifts, rewards, favouritism and exclusion

Staff must:

- declare any gift they receive from a parent or child. This does not include small tokens of appreciation such as at Christmas or the end of the year.
- not give gifts to individual children. Any rewards or treats will be given only as part of the school's agreed behaviour policy.
- advise the headteacher about the offer of any gift or hospitality, from outside or inside the school, which might be interpreted as an attempt to influence staff conduct towards children, parents or other employees.

Physical contact including intimate/personal care and behaviour management

It is not possible to be specific about the appropriateness of each physical contact, since an action that is appropriate with one child, in one set of circumstances, may be inappropriate in another, or with a different child. Any physical contact will be in response to the child's needs, of limited duration and appropriate to their age, stage of development, gender, background and any agreed support or care plan.

The use of physical intervention including the use of reasonable force will always be in line with the following policies (Learning Support Policy (contained within the Curriculum Policy November 2022), First Aid Policy (June 2023) and Administration of Medicines Policy (November 2022) and the Behaviour, Discipline and Exclusions policy (November 2020),

Staff understand that:

- on a daily basis, it may be entirely appropriate and proper for staff to have physical contact with children and that they do so in ways appropriate to their professional role and in relation to the child's individual needs.
- some children are more comfortable with touch than others and/or may be more comfortable with touch from some adults than others. Whenever possible, adults seek the child's permission before initiating contact and are sensitive to any signs that the child may be uncomfortable *or* embarrassed.
- they have a responsibility to ensure the way they offer comfort to a distressed child is age appropriate.
- they must never touch a child in a way which may represent a misuse of authority or considered indecent.
- physical contact must never be secretive, or for the gratification of the adult.
- they should be aware of cultural or religious views about touching and be sensitive to the issues of gender.

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If a member of staff believes that an action by them or a colleague could be misinterpreted, or if an action is observed which is possibly abusive, the incident and circumstances will be immediately reported to the Headteacher/DSL and recorded in writing. If appropriate, the Headteacher will consult with the Designated Officer for Allegations (DOfA).

Staff understand that a child who has suffered previous abuse or neglect may associate physical contact with such experiences. They recognise that such a child may seek out inappropriate physical contact and know to deter the child sensitively to help them to understand the importance of personal boundaries. Staff know that they must never indulge in play that involves rough-and-tumble or fun fights.

Children with disabilities may require more physical contact to assist their everyday learning. The arrangements are understood and agreed by all concerned, justified in terms of the child's needs, consistently applied and open to scrutiny. Staff always allow/encourage children, where able, to undertake self-care tasks independently.

If a child's behaviour presents a serious risk to themselves or others, a robust risk assessment and, where relevant, a physical intervention plan is always put in place and reviewed regularly. In all cases where physical intervention takes place, staff record the incident and subsequent actions and report these in line with the school's behaviour and safeguarding policies.

First aid

Staff adhere to the school health and safety policy, the First Aid policy and the Administration of Medicines policy.

One to one situations

Staff carefully consider the welfare needs of children when with them in a one to one situation. All spaces in the school are set up to allow any activity to be easily observed by other staff in the school. Windows and doors are kept clear from display materials to allow rooms to be overlooked. Internal doors remain open when practicable. See lone working procedures within the Health and Safety Policy (October 2022)

Children are provided with age/developmentally appropriate advice about managing distressing feelings that may arise during 1-1 situations in school. Staff will record any time a child has appeared upset/angry during a 1-1 session and will report this to their line manager.

Home visits and transporting children (refer to lone working procedures)

All work with children and parents/carers is whenever possible undertaken in the school. There are however occasions where it may be necessary to arrange a home visit eg as part of child's induction programme, during changes in operating practice due to a pandemic.

In such situations, these activities will only be undertaken with the knowledge and consent of senior leadership and parents/carers (unless there is a good reason not to, eg safeguarding concern). Where possible staff will work in pairs. A risk assessment will be undertaken, and school will ensure staff understand the purpose and limitations of their home visit. Any member of staff transporting a child in their own vehicle will:

- have prior written permission from parents and the school Headteacher
- have the appropriate vehicle insurance for business use
- have the correct ratio of children/adults
- ensure that all passengers wear seat belts
- ensure booster seats are used according to the current legislation

Educational Visits and After-School Activities

Staff remain in a position of trust during school activities that take place off the school site or out of school hours and so, they will ensure that their behaviour cannot be interpreted as seeking to establish an inappropriate relationship or friendship.

Organisers will conduct risk assessments and adhere to Health and Safety guidelines. Staff/child ratios will be specified and where overnight stays are involved, and the composition of groups of children and the supervising staff will be carefully planned to keep all children and staff safe.

Where out of school activities include overnight stays, careful consideration will be given to sleeping arrangements as part of the planning process. Children, staff and parents will be informed of these arrangements prior to the start of the trip and any proposed changes to the plans will be agreed with senior staff in the school in advance. Staff will not smoke on any school trip. It is important that one member of staff does not consume alcohol; however, others may drink alcohol in moderation eg a glass of wine with a meal. It is recommended that no more than two regular glasses of wine or two single measures of spirits are consumed during any 24-hour period.

Health and Safety arrangements require members of staff to keep colleagues aware of their whereabouts, during an out of school activity. This means staff will always have another adult present in out of school activities, unless otherwise agreed with senior staff in the school.

Staff appearance (Also applies to online and virtual teaching)

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Staff must dress smartly, in clothing appropriate to the role, compliant with professional standards and not likely to be viewed as offensive, revealing or sexually provocative. It should not distract, cause embarrassment or give rise to misunderstanding. Political slogans must be avoided.

Any staff with tattoos that might be viewed as offensive, provocative or likely to give rise to misunderstanding must ensure those tattoos always remain covered when that adult is working for the school. Please refer to Annex 1 for further details.

The acceptable use of technologies

Staff must not engage in inappropriate use of social network sites which may bring themselves, the school, school community or employer into disrepute. Staff should ensure that they adopt suitably high security settings on any personal profiles they may have.

Staff must be circumspect in their use of **all** social media or any other web-based presence that they may have, including written content, videos or photographs, and views expressed directly or by association with websites/pages or posts established by others (eg 'liking', reposting or forwarding). This includes the use of dating websites where staff could encounter parents or students either with their own profile or acting covertly.

They must consider the long-term implications of any content published by them online, specifically how it might ever have an adverse effect:

- on their reputation as an individual working in an education setting
- their ability to maintain good professional boundaries with parents and with children
- on the reputation of the school.

Staff must not access any content from the internet on personal devices during school hours, on the school site, or on a school computer or device at any time that could bring the school into disrepute or that might lead a reasonable person to question the staff member's motivation or intentions.

All staff are aware of their part in ensuring the DFE Filtering and monitoring standards and cyber security standards are upheld. If staff become aware of misuse by another member of staff (in or out of school), they must report those concerns using the allegations

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against staff (including supply teachers, third-party and self-employed staff, volunteers, contractors) procedures. These procedures now include adults from organisations or individuals using school premises procedures.

Please refer to the Wiltshire SVPP flowchart in the Staff Handbook, attached to the Safeguarding Policy and displayed in the staffroom.

Exceptional operating circumstances

If the school is required to change the way we offer our provision to children due to exceptional circumstances eg during a pandemic lockdown, staff safeguarding responsibilities to children will continue to apply, in line with the safeguarding policy.

The DSL will ensure staff, children, and families are provided with written:

- temporary changes to procedures for working with children eg online.
- timescales for such changes so that all children, families and staff understand when such arrangements will end, and arrangements revert to those in place prior to the events leading to the need for the temporary changes.

Photography and recording

Staff are not permitted to use their phones, cameras, smart technology, or any device that can be used for photographing or recording children, when on duty for any purpose. Phones are kept out of view at all times when children are present. Ideally, they should be locked away particularly within the EYFS setting. Any pictures taken of children by the school will be in accordance to the school Mobile phone and camera published procedures within the Online Safety policy (September 2023).

Staff will not:

- take images of a child's injury, bruising or similar (eg following a disclosure of abuse)
- make audio recordings of a child's disclosure.

Concerns and allegations against staff (including supply teachers, third-party and self-employed staff, volunteers and contractors, and adults from organisations or individuals using the school premises)

If a member of staff is concerned about the behaviour of a person working or volunteering at the school (including contractors), they will follow the agreed procedure set out in the flowchart 'Allegation against adults', displayed in the Staff Room/staff cloakrooms and

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within the Staff Handbook. Also see Safeguarding and Child Protection policy (September 2023).

Leehurst Swan School operates a 'low-level' concerns policy in accordance with KCSIE. 'Low-level' refers to behaviour that is: inconsistent with expectations set out in this policy, including inappropriate conduct outside of work, and/or does not meet the allegations threshold, or is otherwise not considered serious enough to consider a referral to the DOfA.

All concerns, no matter how small, will be shared responsibly and with the right person, recorded and dealt with promptly and appropriately. This will serve our commitment to create and embed a culture of openness, trust and transparency in which the school's values and expected behaviour set out in this policy are constantly lived, monitored and reinforced by all staff.

'Low-level' concerns could include, but are not limited to:

- being over friendly with children;
- having favourites;
- taking photographs of children on their mobile phone;
- engaging with a child on a one-to-one basis in a secluded area or behind a closed door; or,
- using inappropriate sexualised, intimidating or offensive language.

We also encourage all staff to self-refer to the Headteacher or DSL where they have found themselves in a situation which could be misinterpreted, might appear compromising to others, and/or on reflection they believe they have behaved in such a way that they consider falls below the expected professional standards.

Whistleblowing

In accordance with our school's whistleblowing policy and procedures all staff, volunteers and pupils can raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in the school's safeguarding regime. Our whistleblowing procedures (including our child-friendly whistleblowing mechanisms), which are also reflected in staff training and the Safeguarding Policy and are shared with pupils, are in place for such concerns to be raised with the Headteacher. Systems are in place and well promoted so that children can confidently report concerns or abuse, knowing their concerns will be treated seriously, and knowing they can safely express their views and give feedback.

If a staff member or volunteer feels unable to raise an issue with the Headteacher or feels that their genuine concerns are not being addressed, other whistleblowing channels are open to them:

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- The [NSPCC whistleblowing helpline](#) is available for staff who do not feel able to raise concerns regarding child protection failures internally. Staff can call: 0800 028 0285 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk if:
 - they think the concern will not be dealt with properly or
 - may be covered up or
 - if they raised a concern but it has not been acted upon or if they are worried they are being treated unfairly.
- The Chair of Governors: Mr Ian McDonald

Training

All members of staff and volunteers have read and signed to confirm they understand this Staff Behaviour policy.

Induction

The welfare of all children on roll is of paramount importance. All staff including volunteers are informed of this policy at induction and given the chance to question and discuss the expectations set out.

Staff support

Work in schools is both rewarding and demanding. We support staff by prioritising time to discuss the challenges of their role linked to any aspect of this Staff Behaviour Policy with their line manager and seek further support as appropriate.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body on a regular basis and is not intended to be contractual. Members of staff are encouraged to contribute to the development of this policy by raising any issues or concerns they may have with their line manager.

Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed annually or earlier as required by changes to legislation or statutory guidance.

APPENDIX 1

STAFF DRESS CODE

At Leehurst Swan School we aim to foster a feeling of professionalism and pride within our school. We believe that appearances are one of the first characteristics that people are measured by and therefore, consider that smart clothing is paramount for the first impressions to be of trust, respect and professionalism. We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should therefore dress accordingly and to dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking, including, PE or Outdoor Learning. The expectation is that all staff will support and uphold Leehurst Swans' dress code.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Staff are the most important role models in the school. The Governors recognise the rights of staff to choose what they wear and how they appear. However, as role models they need to set an example to the pupils and so expect the staff to be smartly and appropriately dressed and well presented in school. The choice of dress should uphold the school's high expectations for the children.

1.2 The Head is responsible for ensuring that members of staff are aware of the dress code. All staff are responsible for familiarising themselves with its contents and complying with it. Teaching staff are appraised on their standard of dress.

2. STAFF DRESS AND CONDUCT

2.1 Staff must ensure they are dressed safely and appropriately for the tasks they undertake. Those who dress or appear in a manner which could be considered as inappropriate could render themselves vulnerable to criticism or allegations of misconduct.

2.2. All staff should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. If staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit. Staff should therefore exercise professional judgement, thinking about the 'Professional Conduct' aspect of the Teachers Standards, when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day.

2.3. Whilst it is not possible to list every possible clothing option here, it is hoped that staff will support the code and will dress in a way that reflects the high esteem in which we are held by children and their families.

2.4 Standards for All Staff

- Hair should be neat and tidy.
- Staff are asked to cover up visible tattoos whilst at work where the location of the tattoo makes it reasonably practicable to do so.
- All staff are expected to be well groomed.
- Clothing should not unduly restrict movement or prevent a task being carried out with dignity.

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- Faces are to be uncovered at all times to aid communication (unless wearing a face mask for your personal protection).
- For health & safety reasons, staff must wear appropriate footwear, not beach flip-flops.

2.5 Specific guidance

Male staff

Tailored trousers

Shirt (worn inside trousers)

Tie (may be removed in the classroom in hot weather)

Tailored jacket

Female staff

Skirt, dress or smart trousers

Shirt, blouse or top* (see clarification below)

Trousers: to the knee or longer, no shorts

Skirts and dresses: should be of sensible length if above the knee, without high side slits

Tops; not transparent, low necked, off the shoulder or revealing:

2.6 Guidelines on Inappropriate Dress

For the avoidance of doubt, inappropriate dress is deemed to include the following:

- Jeans or other blue denim clothing
- Revealing or excessively tight clothing, such as cropped tops and short skirts
- Clothing which exposes underwear
- Casual t-shirts or shorts (except where appropriate to task, e.g. PE)
- Casual trousers (combat or cargo)
- Leggings, unless worn under a skirt or dress of appropriate length
- Flip flops, sliders (beach wear) or crocks, unless medically advised by the doctor
- Trainers (except KS1 and PE staff)
- Clothing with large logos (except school logo), political symbols or contentious slogans.

This policy does not seek to document all the items that could be deemed inappropriate but to provide a general indication to staff.

2.7 Exceptions to the Dress Policy

Staff may change into old clothing or protective clothing when participating in active, messy or dirty tasks where clothing may be damaged.

Departments provided with a uniform such as estates site team should wear the work wear provided. All other elements of this policy apply.

On non-uniform/own clothes days, staff are encouraged to come into school in “non-uniform” but within the spirit of our dress code. Jeans are acceptable, but not ripped Jeans.

During INSET days in school a relaxation of the dress code is acceptable, if there are no pupils or parents in school.

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Staff may arrive at school in clothing that does not adhere to the Dress Code for reasons of travel (e.g. cycling to and from school) provided the member of staff changes into suitable clothing as soon as possible.

2.8 Footwear

Slips and trips are the most common cause of injury at work. They can lead to both minor and major injuries – and sometimes fatal accidents from head injuries following a fall from height, where the underlying cause was a slip or trip.

Slip and trip accidents in education premises happen for a number of reasons. They typically involve:

- members of staff or pupils/students running or carrying heavy or awkward items,
- **wearing unsuitable footwear,**
- poor lighting - particularly where there are uneven surfaces and changes of level
- contamination – both from wet surfaces – caused by water, and fluid spillages; and slippery surfaces - caused by contaminants eg food, litter etc.
- Obstructions – particularly bags and trailing cables

The Health and Safety executive believes that *'footwear can play an important role in preventing slip incidents'* and it is for this reason that footwear such as flip-flops, sliders, Birkenstocks and open-toed sandals, with no backs, are not worn in the workplace.

You can read more about the dangers of slips and trips in an educational setting by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/services/education/slips-in-education.htm>

3. TEACHING PE, GAMES AND SPORTING CLUBS

3.1 Staff should wear PE clothes and trainers when teaching PE and games lessons. Staff may wear PE clothes to school if the corresponding activity takes place during the morning sessions but must change into regular staff dress at lunchtime.

3.2 When teaching PE/games in the afternoon, or if there is a sporting club after school, teaching staff should wear usual staff dress in the morning and change into PE clothes at lunchtime.

3.3 Staff teaching swimming in the water, must wear full costumes (not speedos or bikinis) and a t shirt.

4. NON-CONTACT TIME, ATTENDING COURSES/MEETINGS

4.1 Whenever in school but not teaching, or for support staff working their contracted hours, staff should maintain a high standard of professional dress.

4.2 When attending professional development courses or meetings outside school staff should maintain a high standard of professional dress. There may be exceptions e.g. courses for PE, Art, Forest Schools etc. where specific clothing is specified.

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4.3 When staff are present at an evening workshop or information evening for parents, they should maintain a high standard of professional dress. If staff have been teaching sporting activities during the school day or for an after-school club, they should change.

5. SCHOOLTRIPS AND RESIDENTIAL VISITS.

When on a school trip or residential visit, the attire of staff should mirror that of the children. For example, if pupils are wearing school uniform then staff should wear their regular school clothes. If children have been asked to wear specific clothing or dress down, then staff should follow suit, ensuring their choice of clothing is deemed safe and appropriate.

6. MONITORING.

The School expects staff to take personal responsibility for dressing appropriately and therefore anticipates that intervention will be required only rarely. Where choice of attire falls outside the dress code, the member of staff will be advised of this on an informal basis by his/her line manager. Any concerns an employee may have about the dress code should be raised, initially, with his/her line manager. Repeated infringements of the dress code, despite the provision of informal management advice, will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter in accordance with the school's disciplinary procedure.