James Gillespie's High School - Dress Code Policy

Pupils at James Gillespie's High School are not required to wear a specific school uniform on a regular basis, apart from some formal occasions when requested to do so.

Pupils are expected to dress decently, appropriately, and comfortably.

Clothing that is considered inappropriate includes:

- Items that may harm an individual, or cause offence to others through the display of slurs and/or contain offensive or inappropriate messages or slogans.
- Offensive clothing such as T-shirts or other items painted with obscene language or illustrations are not permitted.
- Football strips and logos are forbidden as they can cause obvious tension.
- Underwear should not be exposed.
- Jewellery which is a risk to health or safety in practical subjects such as CDT, Sciences etc. or whilst moving around the school is not permitted. Teaching staff will make an individual judgement on this. Pupils may not be able to participate in P.E. if they are wearing jewellery that cannot be removed and is a possible risk to their safety.
- Hats and other headwear (including hoods) should not be worn in the buildings other than for medical or religious reasons.
- Outdoor clothing should not be worn in the classroom unless permitted by the individual teacher.

While pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing to school, harassment or teasing of someone's chosen dress code will not be accepted.

<u>Physical Education Sports Kit</u>

A change of kit is required for every practical lesson:

- A change of top (e.g. t-shirt/jumper) and a change of bottoms (e.g. shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings);
- Suitable footwear: this does not need to be a change, but shoes must be clean for indoor facilities;
- For aquatic sports, pupils should wear what they feel comfortable in (e.g. shorts, trunks, swimsuit, lightweight t-shirt). Pupils should avoid clothing materials that may hinder their ability to swim.

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