

## Dress Code

We have high expectations of our learners in respect to dress code. We expect them to dress smartly and take pride in the way they present themselves. Our dress code centres around respect for oneself, other people and the world around us. It is for this reason that we will not accept learners who do not make an effort to dress smartly; having a top button undone, a tie unfastened and an untucked shirt, shows a lack of respect for the serious learning ethos in which we believe at Honeywood and will, therefore be consistently challenged here.

Within this framework of respect, our expectations for our dress code are as follows:

**\*Skirt - With school motif - Black, knee length or below.** Sold via Anglia Sports & Schoolwear - Two designs. Short skirts are not acceptable, ensure the appropriate length is ordered.

**Or**

**Trousers - Smart and black.** Denim, chinos and leggings are **not acceptable**.

**Shirt - White / pale blue** with top button for wearing with a tie.

**\*Tie -** Sold via Anglia Sports & Schoolwear.

**Shoes -** Smart and traditional black leather/faux leather upper, flat/low heeled shoes (less than 5cm) suitable for school. **Shoes with sports logo branding are unacceptable, this includes trainers/canvas/plimsolls/casual type footwear or unbranded copies of trainer style shoes. Boots are not acceptable.**

**\*Jumper -** With school motif, Royal Blue for Cohorts 7 and 8 and Black for Cohorts 9, 10 and 11 sold via Anglia Sports & Schoolwear.

\* These items of uniform are embroidered with the school motif and can only be purchased online from Anglia Sports & Schoolwear ([www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk)). Other items of school uniform, i.e. trousers/shirts, can be purchased from any uniform supplier.

**Bag -** Suitable for carrying a range of text and exercise books and an iPad.

Where learners choose to wear jewellery, this should be minimised. We accept that some learners will choose to have their ears pierced, however, the issue of body piercing, whether this be in the ear or elsewhere, raises a number of potential health concerns. **We will not, therefore, accept any learner attending with piercings other than those in their ears.** Where ears are pierced, once again for safety reasons, small stud earrings must be worn.

If learners or parents/carers are unsure as to the suitability of clothing/footwear please contact the learner's Learning Group Leader in the first instance who will be happy to advise on the suitability of the clothing/footwear. We do not want parents/carers to be in a difficult position, having purchased

clothing/footwear which does not meet the expectations of our dress code. Buy with confidence and do not trust 'school wear' signs in shops, they often try to boost sales by labelling trainer-style shoes as 'school wear'. **Check with us first if in doubt.**

On the rare occasion that a learner may not be able to adhere to the dress code due to unforeseen circumstances, **parents/carers need to send them in with a signed/dated note and/or email their Learning Group Leader.** If learners are wearing alternative footwear because shoes are broken or do not fit they need to report to **their Cohort Leader when they arrive in to school**, who will arrange for them to be issued with a pair of loan shoes. The issuing of loan shoes is intended to help learners in these circumstances. Refusal to wear loan shoes will attract a consequence in the same way as refusal to follow instructions from staff. We would much prefer not to have this conversation, and it can be easily avoided by ensuring that your child is wearing suitable shoes for school. We would expect that this would be rectified as soon as possible and within the maximum time frame of one week, (by the following Monday) allowing families adequate time to resolve the particular issue. If there are financial reasons why this is not possible, please contact the school directly, as we may be able to offer support.

Learners who have been instructed to wear trainers for medical reasons will be expected to have a doctor's note. Parental notes will only be accepted for a maximum of one week for a medical issue. The expectation is that learners will wear black or dark-coloured footwear so that the difference is less noticeable.

Over time clothes can become worn. Learners are no longer looking smart if they are wearing items of clothing that are ripped or damaged due to wear and tear and these items will need to be repaired or replaced. Again, if there are financial reasons why this is not possible, please contact the school directly, as we may be able to offer support.

<https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/honywood-school-148-c.asp>