



DRESS CODE: PRIMARY SCHOOL

While Michael Oak does not have a uniform, it is clear that some form of a dress code based on our Waldorf philosophy is necessary in the school for safety, social cohesion and mutual respect. For this reason, all primary school children need to adhere to the following dress code.

1. Students are to come to school in clothes which are neat, clean, in good repair and comfortable. This will be assessed at the discretion of the teacher.
2. We recommend that all clothes, lunch bags, etc are marked with full name and class number so that they do not end up in lost property.
3. Clothing should be plain, with simple patterns or small writing only. No big, 'loud' or offensive images, slogans, characterizations or advertising is allowed. Children may not come to school dressed entirely in black.
4. Clothing should cover the back, shoulders, midriff and belly button, must fit properly and be neither too tight nor too baggy.
5. We recommend that, for comfort and health, clothing is made of natural fibres.
6. Shorts must reach up to one hand above the knee. Tops must reach over the hips.
7. Skirts and dresses must reach at least half way down the thigh. They need to be such that children can still participate in all activities with ease.
8. Spaghetti straps, low cut tops or dresses and vest tops are not allowed.
9. All clothes should be worn so as to conceal underwear.
10. Children who wear leggings to school must wear a top that covers their bottoms.
11. Hair must be tidy and clean. Hair must be tied back and off the face. Hair may not be dyed. No extravagant trimming hair designs that are distracting, are permitted.
12. Shoes must be worn to and from school, on outings, during sport, to assemblies and during all festivals. Shoes must be worn during winter months and may only be removed with a teachers' permission during the rest of the year.
13. Shoes must be practical for running, and no slip-slops are allowed. Open sandals need to have a strap at the back of the heels to ensure that the shoes stay on comfortably.
14. Closed shoes must always be worn when working in the woodwork room.
15. Hats are to be worn during the 1st and 4th terms. Caps and hats must be removed during indoor lessons and assemblies.
16. Excessive and ornate jewellery may not be worn. Discreet studs or sleepers may be worn in ears. Only one hole is permitted in each ear lobe. No other piercings, in any other parts of the body are permitted in the Primary School.
17. Make-up, nail polish or acrylic nails are not permitted.
18. No smart watches are permitted.

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The Teachers cannot enforce this dress code without full parent co-operation. In the case of continual dress code transgressions at school, parents will be informed and consequences will be implemented at the discretion of the class teacher.

Sports Uniform (Revised 09 Feb 2024)

The school sports uniform consists of:

- The official Michael Oak t-shirt or any sports or plain t-shirt (no character prints, large logos, stripes, etc). The t-shirt can be short- or long-sleeved.
- Shorts, tracksuit pants or leggings in navy blue, black, dark green or white.
- Takkies or suitable sports shoes are required - no boots or bare feet. Shoes may be taken off for Gym Lessons only.
- Hoodies, tracksuit tops and light jackets are allowed, but jerseys are not.
- Hats are essential in the 1st and 4th terms.

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Adoption

This document was approved by the Primary School Faculty at their meeting of 13 February 2024.