



DOHA ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL

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Doha English Speaking School (DESS) Uniform Policy

At DESS our traditional, yet modern, uniforms were designed with the local climate in mind. Wearing the DESS uniform gives our students the feeling that we all belong to one community. It is important to preserve the appearance of the uniform to have consistency across the School, this allows all students to look smart and feel confident.

It is **compulsory for our students to wear the DESS school uniform** and this should be **bought from the school Uniform Shop located on site**. The exceptions to this are shoes, trainers, socks, tights (No leggings allowed) and charcoal grey skirts, shorts, shorts and trousers, which may easily be purchased from other retailers – although the school uniform shop is able to provide some charcoal grey clothing items for your convenience. PE kit, swimming kit, PE bag, book bag (FS1-Y2), school hat should also be purchased from the school uniform shop. Every new child when starting in Foundation Stage 1 or Foundation Stage 2 will be given a new Reading bag by the Friends of DESS (**FOD**). Any replacement bag must be bought by the parents.

Parents must **ensure all items are clearly labelled with the pupil's name and class**. Problems or concerns with any items of the school uniform should be brought to the attention of the school.

Second hand uniform is sold by the FOD ONLY at special sales during the year. All proceeds go to the FOD.

For any **donation of unwanted school uniform, please put in the donation bin by the Uniform Shop**, or leave in lost property, as any unclaimed lost property items at the end of each term are donated to the FOD to sell.

3 Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons and at break times to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red or white. Hair bands should also be red or white and not have large flowers/objects attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Girls' Uniform: Foundation Stage 1:

- Red and white DESS striped dress with zip front
- Red DESS cardigan.
- Black leather shoes. Velcro, no laces. Sensible style, low heel, NOT trainers, boots, crocs or sandals.
- We ask that all children have a pair of croc style shoes kept in their cubby for use in the outdoor play area.
- Plain white ankle socks or grey/white tights (no leggings allowed).
- Unisex red DESS school hat (cricket, baseball or legionnaire cap). Please ensure your child's hat is a DESS hat and not another branded cap.
- Hair accessories: red, white or grey only.

- Girls modesty option if required:
 - Red and white striped cotton dress with zip front with DESS logo & grey/white tights & red cardigan with DESS logo OR
 - Charcoal grey trousers plain/tailored (elasticated & w/o clasp/button if possible) with red and white striped shirt with zip front with DESS logo & red cardigan with DESS logo.

Girls' Sportswear: Foundation Stage 1

- Unisex PE shirt with DESS logo.
- Unisex PE shorts or girls PE skirt with DESS logo.
- Trainers or plimsolls suitable for both indoor & outdoor activities with non-marking soles.
- White sport socks.
- Red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms and top for outdoor sports in the cooler months only.
- Red one piece swimsuit with DESS logo.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles & swim cap.
- Girls modesty sportswear option if required:
 - Unisex PE shirt with DESS logo & red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms (no leggings allowed). Red tracksuit is not stocked in the Uniform Shop.
 - Red DESS modesty 2 piece girls' swimsuit with DESS logo.

Boys' Uniform: Foundation Stage 1:

- Red and white striped DESS shirt with zip front.
- Charcoal grey shorts or trousers plain/tailored (elasticated & w/o clasp/button if possible).
- Red DESS jumper/sweater.
- Black leather shoes. Velcro, no laces. Sensible style, low heel, NOT trainers, boots, crocs or sandals
- We ask that all children have a pair of croc style shoes kept in their cubby for use in the outdoor play area.
- Plain grey ankle socks.
- Unisex red DESS school hat (cricket, baseball or legionnaire cap).

Boys' Sportswear: Foundation Stage 1

- Unisex DESS PE shirt.
- Unisex DESS PE shorts.
- Trainers or plimsolls suitable for both indoor & outdoor activities with non-marking soles.
- White sport socks.
- Red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms and top for outdoor sports in the cooler months only.
- Red DESS swimming briefs.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles & swim cap.

Girls' Uniform: Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6

- FS2 pupils should wear the red and white DESS blouse/dress with buttons.
- Charcoal grey skirt or skirt.
- Red DESS cardigan.
- Black leather shoes. Sensible style, low heel, NOT trainers, boots, crocs or sandals.
- Plain white ankle socks or grey/white tights (no leggings allowed).



- Unisex red DESS school hat (cricket, baseball or legionnaire cap). Please ensure your child's hat is a DESS hat and not another branded cap.
- Hair accessories: red, white or grey only.
- Girls modesty option if required:
 - Red and white striped DESS dress & grey/white tights & red DESS cardigan OR
 - Charcoal grey trousers plain/tailored with DESS red and white striped blouse & DESS red cardigan.
 - For cultural reasons, girls are allowed to wear red or white headscarfs

Girls' Sportswear: Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6

- Unisex DESS PE shirt.
- Unisex DESS PE shorts or girls PE skort.
- Trainers or plimsoles suitable for both indoor & outdoor activities with non-marking soles.
- White sport socks.
- Red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms and top for outdoor sports in the cooler months only.
- Red DESS one piece swimsuit.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles & swim cap.
- Girls modesty sportswear option if required:
 - Unisex DESS PE shirt & red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms (no leggings allowed). Red tracksuit is not stocked in the uniform shop.
 - Red DESS modesty 2 piece girls' swimsuit.
 - For cultural reasons, girls are allowed to wear red or white headscarfs

Boys' Uniform: Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6

- FS2 pupils should wear the red and white DESS shirt with buttons.
- Charcoal grey shorts or trousers plain/tailored.
- Red DESS jumper/sweater.
- Black leather shoes. Sensible style, low heel, NOT trainers, boots, crocs or sandals
- Plain grey ankle socks.
- Unisex red DESS school hat (cricket, baseball or legionnaire cap).

Boys' Sportswear: Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6

- Unisex DESS PE shirt.
- Unisex DESS PE shorts.
- Trainers or plimsoles suitable for both indoor & outdoor activities with non-marking soles.
- White sport socks.
- Red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms and top for outdoor sports in the cooler months only.
- Red DESS swimming briefs.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles & swim cap.

Other items:

- DESS Backpack – no trolley bags allowed
- DESS PE/swimming bag.
- DESS Book bag.
- Water bottle.

Footwear:



We expect all students to wear smart, business-like shoes. Boots are not to be worn, i.e. no footwear above the ankle.

Shoes must be leather and completely black with no coloured stripes or logos. Shoes must be firm and supportive. Black version of trainers or tennis shoes are not allowed. Fabric, canvas shoes, sandals must not be worn.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

5 The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our second hand shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. If a child is not wearing the correct uniform a reminder slip will be sent home. If a child continues to wear the incorrect uniform parents will be invited to a meeting with a member of the SLT.

6 The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7 Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

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