



DOHA ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL

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Doha English Speaking School (DESS) Uniform Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

At DESS our traditional, yet modern, uniforms are 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.

UNIFORM GUIDANCE

It is **compulsory for our students to wear the DESS school uniform** and this should be purchased from Zaks Uniform Shop www.zaksstore.com. The exceptions to this are modesty swim suits, shoes, trainers, socks, tights (no leggings allowed) and charcoal grey skirts, skorts, shorts and trousers, which may easily be purchased from other retailers. PE kit, swimming kit, PE bag, book bag (FS1-Y2), DESS Back Packs and school hats should also be purchased from Zaks.

Parents must ensure all items are clearly labelled with the pupil's name and class. All lost property will be handed to, and stored at the front office. Any items not collected after one half term will be donated to the FOD for sale in the second hand uniform sale. Any 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 (Friends of DESS) 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 located by the Changing Rooms in the Administration Block.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Red and white DESS striped dress or blouse with buttons (*FS1 children are permitted to wear zip front but ONLY if your child cannot do buttons up independently*).

- Red DESS cardigan or DESS jumper/sweater (*children are not permitted to wear long sleeve tops under their uniform*).
- Charcoal grey skirt or skort.
- Charcoal grey shorts or trousers plain/tailored (*elasticated and without clasp/button if possible for FS1*). **No leggings allowed.**
- Plain white/grey ankle socks or grey/white tights.
- Black leather shoes, sensible style, low heel with an ankle strap. (*Black trainers, boots, slip-on shoes, or sandals must NOT be worn. FS1 must have velcro, no laces please*).
- DESS school hat ONLY (*Unisex cricket, baseball or legionnaire DESS caps are available*). Any other hats must NOT be worn. Due to health and safety concerns, please remove any ties or strings.
- Hair accessories are not permitted other than red, white or grey head bands, hair ties and small bows.
- Long hair must be tied back at ALL TIMES.



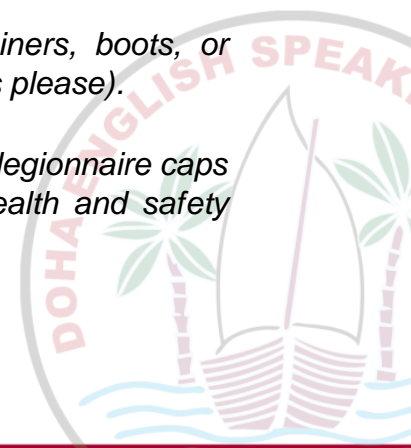
Girls' Sportswear

- Unisex DESS PE shirt.
- Unisex DESS PE shorts or girls DESS PE skirt.
- Trainers or plimsoles suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities with non-marking soles. **(No laces in FS1 please).**
- White sport socks. **(Only for KS2).**
- Red DESS one piece swimsuit.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles and a swim cap for those with hair that falls below the jawline.
- Girls' optional sportswear options for cooler months/modesty - Unisex DESS PE shirt with plain red jogging bottoms or red leggings **(for PE use only)**. Red or Black modesty swim suits. *(Jogging bottoms, modesty suits or PE leggings are not stocked by Zaks.)*



BOYS' UNIFORM

- Red and white DESS striped shirt with buttons *(FS1 children are permitted to wear zip front but ONLY if your child cannot do buttons up independently).*
- Charcoal grey shorts or trousers plain/tailored *(elasticated and without clasp/button if possible for FS1).*
- Plain grey socks.
- Black leather shoes, sensible style, low heel. *(Black trainers, boots, or sandals must NOT be worn. FS1 must have velcro, no laces please).*
- Red DESS jumper/sweater.
- DESS school hat ONLY *(Unisex DESS cricket, baseball or legionnaire caps available).* Any other hats must NOT be worn. *Due to health and safety concerns, please remove any ties or strings.)*
- Long hair must be tied back at ALL TIMES.





Boys' Sportswear

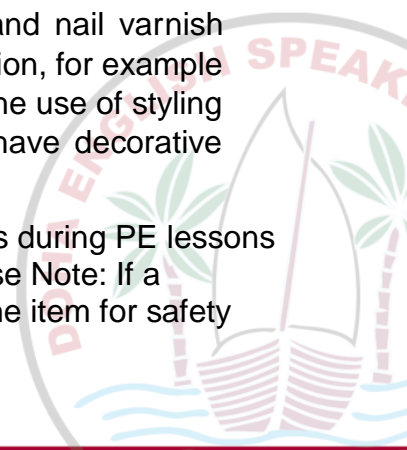
- Unisex DESS PE shirt.
- Unisex DESS PE shorts.
- Trainers or plimsoles suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities with non-marking soles. **(No laces in FS1 please).**
- White sport socks. **(Only for KS2).**
- Red DESS swimming briefs/shorts.
- Towel, pool shoes/flip flops, goggles and swim cap for those with hair that falls below the jawline.
- Optional red tracksuit/ jogging bottoms for outdoor sports in the cooler months.



JEWELLERY, HAIR ACCESSORIES, MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and agreed small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. If a child has recently had their ears pierced (within six weeks) and cannot yet remove the stud then they may cover it with a plaster supplied from home. Children who are unable to remove their own earrings must not wear jewellery on PE days. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair accessories are not permitted other than red, white or grey head bands, hair ties and small bows. 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.

Children are permitted to wear fitness monitoring watches i.e. FitBits during PE lessons however they must be completely covered with a sweat band. Please Note: If a sweatband is not provided, then the pupil will be asked to remove the item for safety reasons.



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 are not worn on these days. Children who are not able to remove their own earrings (after the first six weeks after the piercing in which they may be covered with a plaster) will not be permitted to participate in the PE lesson.

OTHER ITEMS

- DESS Backpack – no trolley bags allowed (*they do not fit in the cubbies, and are a trip hazard*). FS1 and 2 children only, no back packs or extra bags for the lunch boxes. Children only require a lunch bag and their water bottle.
- Water bottle.
- PE/swimming bag.
- Book bag with DESS logo required for FS2, Y1 & Y2. (*No food or water to be transported in book bags*).
- EYFS only recommended types of lunch boxes (*Not multiple small food boxes if possible to save time and reduce losing lids etc.*).



- **FS1 ONLY** - A pair of crocs that cover the toes, to be kept in cubbies all year round for outside water play (*any colour but they must be labelled*).
- **FS1 ONLY** - Spare uniform to be kept in their cubbies. (*FS1 children and FS2 for the first term only*).

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. Fabric or canvas shoes, or **sandals must NOT be worn**. All shoes must have support around the ankle, slip-on shoes are not permitted.



Examples of acceptable leather shoes for boys:



Examples of acceptable leather shoes for girls:



These shoes are not permitted:

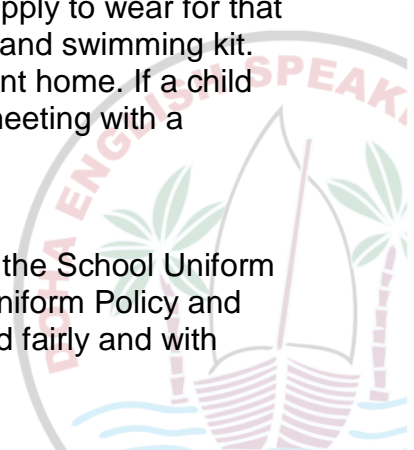


THE ROLE OF THE PARENT

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 supply to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE and swimming 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 Senior Leadership Team.

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the Uniform Policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with



sensitivity. It is the Board of Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Board of Governors 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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

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