

April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Cultural Week 28th April 2025 to 2nd May 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025: Traditional Clothing (Dress to Impress, Smart Clothing)

As we celebrate the Cultural Week throughout next week, through various activities and events, I just wanted to remind you that on Friday 2nd May 2025, we are inviting our students to wear their “traditional clothing” to celebrate different culture and diversity at the Appleton Community.

Traditional clothing is an important part of a region’s history and identity. Students are encouraged to attend school wearing clothing to reflect their own culture and identity, heritage colours, their school uniform with items of representation or even a flag.

If your child would like to take part to reflect their cultural identity but don’t have any traditional clothing, they could wear clothes in the colours of their cultural flag or a national sporting shirt which represents the flag for the country that they identify with and their respective cultures. These could be a national team’s Football, Rugby or Cricket shirt for example! **Please note that it is not a non-uniform day and we are not collecting any donations for the event. We don’t expect students to go out and buy clothes especially for the day.** Just see what you have at home.

Students will need to be in respectful dress which is appropriate for school:

1. Length of skirts should be the same length as school skirts or longer
2. No exposed midriffs
3. No offensive logos / pictures on clothing
4. No rips in jeans above the knee (**smart clothing** only)
5. Inappropriate footwear will not be permitted
6. Jewellery needs to be in keeping with health and safety expectations in line with the school uniform policy

Student expectations will remain the same throughout the day and students will follow their timetable as normal.

The week promises to be a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity where our students can develop their cultural awareness as well as celebrate the differences. It will provide us the opportunity to recognise that there are a large amount of cultures that exist and that all cultural expressions are valid. May I take this opportunity to say a huge “Thank you” for your support for the various projects, events and activities that are led by the Student Council Committee.

On Behalf of the School Council Committee,



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