



Student Uniform & Appearance

DMES expectations for uniform, grooming and personal presentation

At DMES, we want our students to take pride in how they present themselves and in representing their school.

Our uniform helps create a sense of belonging and ensures that students come to school looking smart, comfortable and ready to learn. We ask parents and students to support these expectations throughout the school year.

School Uniform

Students are expected to wear the approved DMES uniform each school day unless otherwise advised by the school.

Uniform should:

- Be clean, neat and in good condition.
- Be worn as designed, without alterations.
- Fit appropriately and provide suitable coverage.
- Include approved school shoes and socks.
- Include only DMES-approved outerwear when required.

Students should arrive in full uniform and remain appropriately dressed throughout the school day.

PE Uniform

The official DMES PE uniform must be worn for PE lessons and designated sporting activities.

Personal sportswear, branded clothing or other items should not be substituted for the approved PE uniform unless authorised by the school.

We will advise families when PE uniform may be worn for a full school day or for specific events.

Hair & Grooming

Hair should be clean, neat and appropriate for school.

- Hair should be kept away from the face where necessary.
- Longer hair must be tied back when required for PE, sports, laboratory work or other practical activities.

- Hair colour should remain natural in appearance.
- Unnatural hair colours, shaved patterns or designs, and hairstyles that interfere with safety or the learning environment are not permitted.
- Facial hair, where applicable, should be neat and well groomed.

Religious and culturally appropriate hair coverings and practices are respected.

Makeup, Nails & Personal Appearance

Students are expected to maintain a natural, neat and age-appropriate appearance during the school day.

Makeup, artificial eyelashes, coloured nail polish and artificial or excessively long nails are not permitted during normal school days.

Nails should be kept at a safe and practical length, particularly for PE and practical activities.

Students are also expected to maintain good standards of personal hygiene.

Jewellery & Accessories

Jewellery should be simple, minimal and appropriate for school.

For safety reasons, students may be asked to remove jewellery during PE, sports, laboratory work or other practical activities.

Visible body piercings and accessories that do not meet school expectations are not permitted.

Religious and culturally appropriate items will be respected, subject to reasonable health and safety requirements.

Non-Uniform & Special Days

DMES may occasionally hold non-uniform, themed or celebration days.

Clothing must remain appropriate for a school environment and respectful of UAE culture, traditions and values.

Any specific requirements will be communicated to families in advance.

Representing DMES

The DMES uniform represents our school community.

Students are expected to maintain the same standards of appearance and behaviour when representing DMES on school trips, at competitions, performances, events and other school activities.

Working Together

Maintaining these standards is a shared responsibility between students, parents and the school.

Where a student does not meet the expected standard, we will normally remind them of the expectation and provide an opportunity to correct the issue. Parents will be contacted where necessary, and repeated concerns will be managed in line with the school's Student Behaviour Policy.

We recognise that some students may require adjustments for medical, disability-related, religious or other individual needs. Parents are encouraged to contact the school so that appropriate arrangements can be agreed.

All expectations will be applied fairly, respectfully and with consideration for student dignity and wellbeing.

Policy Alignment

Our uniform and appearance expectations are informed by applicable KHDA and UAE Ministry of Education requirements and reflect the cultural values of the UAE.

This guidance should be read alongside the DMES Student Behaviour, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Inclusion and Health & Safety policies.

Our aim is simple: students who look smart, feel a sense of belonging and represent DMES with pride.