

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Gender-Neutral School Policy

The Department for Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

At Walthamstow Montessori School we believe that school uniform helps develop the sense of belonging and community. We will consider carefully reasonable requests to vary the policy, in particular to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations.

At Walthamstow Montessori School, we aim to promote each child's right to express their gender and personality in whichever way feels right for them. To support this aim our uniform policy is gender-neutral. This means that, whilst we expect all our children to wear school uniform, the rules for boys and girls are the same and we do not insist that they wear specific items of clothing should their gender reflect the requirement.

At our school we recognise the rights of students who feel they might not fit into the binary genders.

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