

Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Important Reminder: Guidelines for Hijabs / Headscarves in School

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Culloden we take great pride in our diverse and inclusive community. We fully support our pupils who choose to wear a hijab (headscarf) to school as part of their faith.

However, we have recently noticed an increasing number of pupils wearing headscarves that are exceptionally long—in many cases, reaching below their knees. While we respect personal expression, our primary priority must always be the safety and well-being of our children.

We are writing to ask for your urgent cooperation in ensuring that your child's headscarf is of an appropriate and safe length for the school environment.

Why is this a concern?

- **Health and Safety Risks:** Very long or loose headscarves pose a serious tripping hazard, particularly during breaktimes, lunchtimes, and PE lessons. There is a high risk of pupils stepping on their own or others' scarves, leading to falls and injuries.
- **PE and Playtime Safety:** During physical education and active play, long fabrics can easily become caught on playground equipment or sports apparatus, which presents a severe safety hazard.
- **Classroom Distraction:** Excessively long, layered, or heavily styled scarves are proving to be a distraction in the classroom, both for the wearers and their peers, detracting from focus during lessons.

Our School Guidelines

School is a place dedicated to learning, growth, and community; **it is not a venue for fashion trends or statements.** To keep all children safe and focused, we kindly ask that you adhere to the following adjustments:

- **Length:** Headscarves must be of a practical, manageable length—ideally shoulder or chest-length, and safely tucked in where necessary. They must not extend past the waist.
- **Style and Safety:** Scarves should be simple, secure, and fastened without the use of sharp, unsafe pins.
- **PE Lessons:** For physical education, a pull-on, fitted "sports hijab" is highly recommended to ensure your child can participate safely and comfortably without any risk of entanglement.

Important Uniform Update for September

Please note that **from September, only plain navy blue or black headscarves will be permitted** to ensure they match our official school colours. We are sharing this now to give you ample time to prepare for the new academic year.

We kindly ask that you review your child's current schoolwear and make any necessary length adjustments before they return to school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school environment safe, focused, and inclusive for every child.

Yours faithfully,

Tahreena Ward



Principal