

# Lord Byng Dress Code

## B'ying the Best You Can Be!

Byng Elementary has a prime obligation to focus on the process of learning. The way we choose to dress defines and reflects our attitude towards ourselves, others and the learning activities offered in our school community. Although the assumption might be that the dress code is intended primarily for students, the school's expectation is that all employees and visitors to the school also abide by it to ensure that our focus remains on learning. Guided by our mission statement, we expect our students, staff and parents to dress in ways that are safe, respectful and responsible.

### Be Safe

- Wear proper footwear for gym.
- Wear proper gym strip for PE classes.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather.

### Be Respectful

- Remove hat or hood while inside the school.
- Garments and accessories with pictures and / or messages should be in good taste and appropriate for elementary students to see and read.
- Modesty should be demonstrated in picking out clothes each school day by:
  - wearing the hems of skirts or shorts long enough to reach the fingers of your hand resting at your side.
  - wearing tops with a modest neckline and without torso or undergarments showing.
  - wearing pants, shorts or skirts high enough on hips to hide undergarments.

### Be Responsible

- Make clothing choices that respect the common values of the school community.
- Take responsibility for the clothing choices that you make.

### The Process

School administration will be informed discreetly of persons who are dressed in a questionable or provocative manner by staff. School administrators will discuss the concern with the person and decide upon the steps that need to be taken. The person in question may be asked to change their clothes at the school if possible. The school may provide a T-shirt or top to cover up questionable clothing. If parents are available, a student may be asked to go home to change their clothing or parents may bring a change of clothing to the school.