

Dear Parent/Carer,

Traditional Cultural Dress Day – Wednesday 8 July 2026

We are writing to inform you that students in **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12** are invited to take part in our Traditional Cultural Dress Day on **Wednesday 8 July 2026**. On this day, students are invited to attend school wearing clothing that reflects their cultural heritage.

At Alperton Community School, we encourage students to celebrate both their own culture and the cultures of others. This event provides an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the rich diversity within our school community, while promoting understanding, respect and pride in our different traditions, beliefs and backgrounds.

Students should attend school in clothing that is representative of their heritage. Traditional garments that celebrate family culture are encouraged, and students may also wear national sports shirts or kits that represent their country of heritage.

As very hot weather is forecast next week, we encourage students to wear lightweight, breathable traditional clothing where possible and to bring a refillable water bottle to school. While we appreciate the warm temperatures, all clothing must remain **modest and appropriate for a school setting. Shorts are not permitted.**

Students who have PE on this day should **not** wear their PE kit to school. They **should** bring their PE kit with them, as PE lessons will take place as normal.

Students who do not wish to participate should attend school in their **full school uniform**. Please note that any student arriving in non-uniform that is not associated with the day, or wearing clothing that does not meet the traditional cultural dress expectations, will be sent home to change into the correct attire. They will be expected to return to school promptly in full school uniform.

As part of our Culture Week celebrations, we are also raising money for **Cancer Research UK** and **our 6th form Prom**. We kindly ask students to make a **minimum donation of £1**, with all proceeds going to this worthwhile cause. Donations can be brought into school on the

day, or submitted by **Monday 6 July 2026**. Further information about Cancer Research UK can be found using the link below:

[Cancer Research UK](#)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful diversity of our school community together.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Lazare
Deputy Headteacher

Please see the page below for guidelines



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CULTURAL WEAR GUIDELINES

The following examples of traditional cultural clothing are welcome:

- Sarees
 - Salwar kameez
 - Agbada
 - Jalabiya/Jellabiya
 - Ankara clothing
 - Traditional dresses, robes or garments that reflect your family's heritage
 - National sports shirts or kits representing your country of heritage
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Please ensure that your child's clothing is **modest, respectful and suitable for a school environment**. Students who do not meet these expectations may be sent home to change into their school uniform.

The following items are not permitted:

- Tracksuits (including hoodies)
 - Jeans
 - Leggings
 - Shorts
 - Casual sportswear not representing a country
 - Excessive jewellery
 - Make-up
 - High heels
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Students wearing generic casual clothing or sportswear that is not linked to their cultural heritage will be asked to return home to change into their full school uniform.



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