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Starter

Individual Activity (2-4mins)
Imagine you are a teacher. Which items would you ban from your class?

S&C: Do you think banning any of these things would upset people?
Should you be able to refuse school uniform if it conflicts with your beliefs?
Our learning journey for this week!

- Why do schools have rules about uniform?
- Why are we learning about this?
- Religious or fashionable?
- Can you tell people what to wear?
- What would you do?
Why do schools have rules about uniform?

All schools have their own rules about uniform.

Uniform helps teachers and pupils treat each other equally.

Uniform helps pupils feel proud of their school and feel part of a team.

Individual Activity (3-5 mins)
Can you come up with three reasons why schools have uniform? Make a list and click to reveal the answers.

S&C: Do you agree with these points?
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Why are we learning about this?

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Why are we learning about this?

1. Issues about school uniform often make the news.

Some people are shocked at how strict schools are.

2. Sometimes, parents feel upset because their children are being told they can’t wear certain things at school.

Pair Activity (3-5 mins)
Can you think of anything someone might wear to show they follow a religion? Look at the pictures for clues! Click for answers.

Some people choose to wear something that shows they are religious at school and others don’t. All students should be treated equally and fairly at school.
Why are we learning about this?

Uniform rules can sometimes cause problems when students want to wear things for their religion.

Discrimination: unfair treatment of someone based on their race, gender or religion.

Chikezea was banned from lessons because his hair was too long. In his religion, all the followers grow long hair like him. Many people think his school is discriminating against him.

Class Activity (2-4 mins)
Click on the image to watch this video. Why is this boy not at school?

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Religious or fashionable?

I am wearing nail varnish because my family does

These children are all wearing something that is not part of their school uniform

I am wearing a hoodie because I believe you should be comfy at school

Class activity (4-8 mins)
Imagine you are a Headteacher. Decide if you would let your students wear these items to school and why. Write down your reason on a post-it, and discuss it with your class.

I am wearing a cross on my neck because it reminds me of my faith

S&C: Which items are religious?

I am wearing my hijab because it shows I am committed to God

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Religious or fashionable?

1. You can wear a turban even if your school uniform rules say you can’t wear hats.

2. You can wear a turban **but** you must try and make it **fit nicely** with your school uniform e.g. match the colour.

3. You can’t wear a turban to school **even if you wear it at home** because you need to be treated like every other student.

Group debate (4-8 mins)
Get into threes. Each one of you must pick one statement from the list and argue why that statement should be the rule for turbans at school.

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Religious or fashionable?

Why are we learning about this?

What would you do?
Can you tell people what to wear?

Schools can make rules about uniform but they can’t treat students unfairly.

It was a hot day and these boys had a uniform rule that meant they could only wear trousers.

The boys believed this was discrimination because it treated them unfairly.

The girls at their school could wear skirts.

So they took action and came to school in skirts!

Discrimination can be hard to judge, even for adults. Just make sure that if you feel someone is treating you unfairly, you speak up about it!
Can you tell people what to wear?

**Group Activity (3-6 mins)**

Look at these three rules made in a school and write down the ones you **disagree** with, along with a **reason why**.

1. Girls are only allowed to wear skirts, not trousers or shorts
2. Any clothing worn for religious reasons must be school colours
3. Nothing can be worn on your head unless it is for religious reasons

**Discrimination:**
Remember, discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly.

S&C: Are any of these religious discrimination?
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What would you do?

Pair Activity (8-15mins)
Write rules for your school uniform that treat everyone fairly. Use the sentence starters to help.

1. Hair should be...
2. Clothes should be...
3. Jewellery should be...
4. Headgear should be...

Hints:
- Should it be the same length?
- Can anyone ignore this rule?

Hints:
- Does it have to be a certain colour?
- Can it be worn inside?

Hints:
- Will boys and girls wear the same?
- Are there any exceptions to the rules?

Hints:
- Can religious jewellery be worn?
- Does it have to be small?
Could you become a Human Rights Lawyer?

You may have heard of a lawyer before. These images have something to do with the job.

Lawyers help people when they are in trouble.

If you are a top lawyer you may one day become a Judge.

What does being a Human Rights Lawyer mean?

Will you like it?
If you like to stand up for other people when they are not being treated kindly then you would probably love this job, as that’s what human rights lawyers do.

What would you do?
- Interview people to collect evidence
- Defend people in courts
- Stand up for human rights

How would you get there?
You need to finish university and then take a two year law course—being a lawyer is hard work!
School uniform is there to make sure that everyone is treated equally.

The only way pupils can be treated equally is if they wear the same uniform with no exceptions.

You can keep your beliefs inside - you don’t have to wear anything to show your religion.

If schools start letting people wear religious clothes, other pupils might start wearing whatever they want.

If you refuse to follow the rules of school uniform then there should be a consequence.

It is not discrimination if everyone dresses the same.
Should you be allowed to refuse school uniform if it conflicts with your beliefs?

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