

The Halo Code at Whingate

Whingate Primary champions the right for children to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black pupils racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We celebrate Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

In this school, we recognise and celebrate our pupils' identities. Whingate Primary is built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on a child's ability to succeed.

Guidance of expectations of the code at Whingate Primary

For all students and staff:

- Head wraps and scarves reflect the colours of the uniform policy (white and blue).
- That hair be tied up for health and safety reasons, during sports, to avoid hazards (being pulled or caught) and to stop the spread of nits.
- Hair with colour added to follow the school uniform policy (white or blue).

Early Years

• Children in Nursery and Reception are provided with shower caps to put on their heads when they are exploring; sand, mud, glitter etc. This is to help stop the small particles getting stuck within the tight afro curl and to reduce the chance of scalp irritation and infection.