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Girls sent home for wearing trousers

1 A head teacher has been accused of discrimination because he has refused to allow girl pupils to wear trousers. A group of fifth-formers was sent home for breaking the 'skirts-only' rule for girls at Cleeve School in Gloucestershire.

2 One of the protesters, Kerrie George, 15, said: "At this time of year the weather is freezing. Skirts don't offer much protection. All we want is to be allowed black trousers during the winter months. We're not against school

uniforms, we just want to be treated the same as boys."

3 Mr Brian Gardiner, head of the school said: "If the girls want to stay warm they can wear tights. Skirts look better on girls. A lot of the girls who wear trousers do not look tidy. Trousers can be part of the uniform, but only for boys.

4 Our uniform is quite clearly defined – I don't think we would allow boys to wear skirts. If parents want their daughters to wear trousers they should send them elsewhere."

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