



## Code of conduct when visiting the schools in the City of Oulu, Finland

### 1. Shoes

In most schools shoes are taken off after entering the building or before entering the classroom. Shoes are left on a shoe rack or floor and people walk around the school in socks or wearing indoor shoes. You can bring your own indoor shoes or warm socks for the visit.



### 2. Clothing

In Finnish schools students do not wear school uniforms. They are free to wear clothing of their own choice and visiting students are free to do so unless required otherwise by their own school.

### 3. Fragrances

We aim to provide a scent-free environment for students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please refrain from using perfumers and such while in our schools.

### 4. Address

In Finnish schools students call their teacher by their first name or call them "teacher". Likewise teachers call the students by their first name. You are free to do the same and please inform the staff and the students how you wish to be called.

### 5. Photography

Taking photographs of students or filming or recording presentations is not allowed. Taking photographs of school building or personnel is allowed by permission only. Be sure to ask permission from your hosts.



### 6. Phones

In most primary schools students may use their phones only when indicated so by their teacher. In lower secondary schools this principle may be more lax. Please refer to the custom of the school.

### 7. Lunch

Students do not bring their own lunch, but lunch is provided by the school. It is eaten in the school lunch room and the lunch break lasts usually about 30 minutes. Lunch is a warm meal and students are encouraged to take only what they can eat to avoid food waste. It is possible to go for seconds.

### 8. Breaks

In many schools there are 15-minute outdoor breaks after every 45-minute lesson or 30-minute outdoor breaks after every 90-minute lesson. Be sure to bring warm and weatherproof clothing with you when participating in a regular school day.



### 9. Trust and responsibility

In many schools students are given considerable amount of trust and responsibility. You may see this applied when students come to and leave the school on their own or move about from one place to another within the school premises without their teacher and for example in the fact that the school yards are rarely fenced and never have locked gates.

**Whenever in doubt, do not hesitate to ask. We hope you have a wonderful visit!**