

MERRYDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Uniform Policy



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Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies our children with their school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money;

Expectations

We expect all parents to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Parents will be encouraged and supported if their child falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher or headteacher and given the opportunity to improve.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning

equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, affordable, safe and practical.

Where to buy School uniform

Uniform can be bought from main stores; Asda, Matalan, Tesco. Our Uniform is kept purposefully plain to ensure it does not discriminate based on sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief.

School Uniform List

- Black or grey skirt or trousers (jogging bottoms are acceptable)
- White shirt/blouse
- Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper
- Blue and white summer dress
- Black sensible shoes

P.E. Kit

- Black plimsolls
- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Drawstring bag

All items must be labelled

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be in school colours – Royal blue, black, grey or white

Jewellery

Many children have pierced ears and wear earrings for school. These should be small stud earrings only. Children also need to be able to remove them by themselves for any PE or games activities. If they are unable to do so on their own, please do not send them with earrings on those days. Guidance to all schools is that no jewellery of any kind should be worn for PE. Religious jewellery can be taken off for the duration of the lesson and then put straight back on.

The school accepts no liability for the loss or damage of any types of Jewellery or personal possessions. We advise that these items are not brought to school.

Watches

The wearing of SMART watches by the children is not allowed. This is because they are expensive and easily broken, distract the children from their learning and because some have cameras, we need to ensure no photographs of the children are taken by other children.

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Safeguarding

The school has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all its pupils. Children will be expected to wear school uniform which means that children are easily identifiable within the school and when outside in the community. The school also has a responsibility to protect pupils and their families from the pressure to wear expensive or high fashion items and to promote a cohesive environment. Wearing school uniform helps to minimise social pressures and promotes harmony between different groups within the school.

Discrimination

If you think your child is being discriminated against, Parents are encouraged to talk to the head teacher.

Changes to the school uniform

Parents are encouraged to talk to the head teacher or school governors if they would like the school uniform changed.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school. All long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. Headbands or hair bobbles should be plain dark blue, black, or brown

Equality

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

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