



Discovery Federation

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus or within Appendix 1 of this policy. However, in line with Durham LA non-compulsory uniform stance, we can only suggest and encourage wearing school uniform.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games to prevent injury.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up to prevent it becoming a distraction when children are trying to work.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we actively discourage children wearing such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black polishable shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the head teacher 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix 1 Uniform List

Reception-Year 6

Our uniform consists of:

MOORSIDE PRIMARY	NEW BRANCEPETH PRIMARY
<p>Our school uniform colours are in purple and grey as listed below. Most items can be bought from High Street shops and they are also sold via https://totstoteams.com/schools/moorside-primary-school - please speak to Mrs Pears in the School Office if you need support in accessing this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tartan or grey skirt/pinafore dress/purple and white summer dress in summer• Grey trousers/shorts in summer (not leggings)• White shirt• Purple & grey tie (available from the school office)• Purple knitted jumper or cardigan (with logo available from the above website)• Plain black polishable shoes	<p>Our school uniform colours are in red and grey as listed below. Most items can be bought from High Street shops and they are also sold via https://totstoteams.com/schools/moorside-primary-school - please speak to Mr Latta in the School Office if you need support in accessing this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tartan or grey skirt/pinafore dress/red and white summer dress in summer• Grey trousers/shorts in summer (not leggings)• White polo shirt• Red knitted jumper or cardigan (with logo available from the above website)• Plain black polishable shoes

Waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls are also available.

Shoes should be flat, plain black, polishable and appropriate for school. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground or on our school field. Your child should be in shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. In the interests of Health and Safety, tight skirts/dresses, sun dresses, sleeveless t-shirts and crop tops, are not permitted.

Nursery

As whole school uniform (based on parental wishes) but children are permitted to wear black jogging bottoms for ease in EYFS.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E for health and hygiene reasons. If they do not have a PE kit as listed below, they are asked to attend school in their normal uniform. Class teachers will communicate other PE days for their classes so that you can prepare your child with their kit. Girls and boys wear:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain t-shirt in your child's team colour (you will be notified of the colour)
- A pair of plimsolls (indoor) or trainers (outdoor)
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms and sweatshirts/hoodies for outdoor lessons in cold weather- elasticated ones are essential for younger children

All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset, and much time can be wasted as a result of lost clothing. Please help us by naming everything.