

School Uniform / Dress Code

Meare Village Primary School



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1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their Class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher and discussed with parents/carers.

4 The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform/dress code policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

5 Jewellery/Make up

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears/watches, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. We ask that children do not wear make up to school including nail varnish.

6 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts/hairstyles or hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children. Children with long hair must keep their hair tied back at all times for health and safety reasons.

7 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

8 PE/Outdoor Education

Our youngest children will learn how to undress and dress themselves and will bring a PE kit into school each week. Older children will come into school in PE kits on their allocated PE days. Where there is Outdoor Education, children can come into school in outdoor clothes that are suitable to get wet and dirty.

9 Non-Uniform Days

Occasional days in the year will be Non-Uniform days where children can wear their own clothes or dress up if there is a theme and these days are usually used for fundraising.

10 The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform/dress code policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform/dress code policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11 Equality Impact Assessment

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy to be 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

12 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every four years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Uniform is available from Southwest Schoolwear and other suppliers.
School keeps a stock of second-hand uniform – please contact the school office for further information.

Winter Uniform

- Grey tailored trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- White short sleeved polo shirt with collar (to wear under a sweatshirt)
- Blue sweatshirt (school emblem optional)
- White, black or grey socks/grey or black tights
- Blue fleece (emblem optional)

Summer Uniform

- Blue and white gingham dress (optional)

Year 6

- Grey or black tailored trousers, grey or black skirt
- White shirt
- School tie (provided by the school)
- V neck sweatshirt or blazer (school emblem optional)

Shoes

- Black school shoes with a sensible heel (no more than 2 cm)
- No trainers or sports shoes

PE Kit

- Blue PE shirt with school emblem (optional)
- White, navy or black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers (white or black)