



Mount Pleasant Junior School Uniform Policy

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 ask take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is detailed in Appendix A.

Principles

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 the children with the 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 by most parents

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain navy blue. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

All children are required to wear plain black shoes, not boots, as stated in the uniform list in Appendix A. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.

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. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be

loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

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 consider such requests. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

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, 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 headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

Appendix A

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of navy, white and grey. Most items can be bought from High Street shops or supermarkets. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

For girls:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers
- White polo shirt* plain or with school logo
- Navy blue jumper* or cardigan* plain or with school logo
- Plain white or navy socks
- Navy or grey tights
- Plain navy headcovering (optional)
- Summer Term only: navy blue and white checked dresses (optional)

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. Leggings should not be worn.

For boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers
- White polo shirt* plain or with logo
- Navy blue jumper* plain or with school logo*
- Plain navy headcovering (optional)

Coats

Reversible waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available from the school office.

Shoes

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please name everything.

Girls and boys wear:

- Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms (jogging bottoms will be needed for outdoor PE in cold weather)
- White T-shirt* plain or with school logo
- Plimsolls or trainers
- For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

Appendix:

If parents wish to purchase items with the school logo, they are available to order from two local retailers:

Koolskools

387 Shirley Rd
Shirley
Southampton
SO15 3TS



Skoolkit

1 Commercial Road
Totton
SO40 3BX

Skoolkit