



School Uniform Policy

Mount Pleasant Primary School

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.
- Share our core purposes for a school uniform.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

2. Purpose of School Uniform

We believe that a school uniform is essential in promoting the following.

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics to school jumper/cardigan only. Regardless, there will be no expectation for parents to purchase a school jumper/cardigan with the school logo. A school jumper/cardigan in the school colour will be sufficient.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler (limited to school jumper/cardigan only, although this is not needed either).
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups. We will have one school uniform for the whole school.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities. We will only expect children to have a PE uniform; this will not be logo-based.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items. We are part of School Uniform Exchange which provides a full free uniform for any

families who needs it. Parents are also encouraged to recycle their children's uniform via School Uniform Exchange.

- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.
- Reducing any expectations for non-school uniform days. Whilst there may be a theme, for example, World Book Day, parents will be advised that they can send their children in any non-school uniform clothing.

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

- White polo shirt – white plain top
- Black/grey trousers
- Black/grey skirt
- Black/grey pinafore dress
- Dark green jumper/cardigan – school logo an option but not essential requirement
- Plain black shoes or trainers (trainers can double up for PE uniform)

4.2 Summer Uniform

In the warmer months, children can wear summer green dresses or black/grey shorts. We would also encourage parents to send their children to school with sun hats or caps.

4.3 PE Uniform

- White top
- Black/grey bottoms
- Black trainers/pumps

4.4 Swimming Uniform

In KS2 children are required to learn how to swim as part of the PE National Curriculum; swimming lessons start in Year 5. Children will need the following:

- Swimming costumes (these may be full-bodied swimming items)
- Swimming trunks
- Towel
- Swimming cap – optional

4.5 Other items

Children will need to bring a coat to school as they will be playing outside for parts of the day. Parents can also purchase a dark green school bag so children can bring in their homework and reading books to school.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow any child to wear jewellery to school (except a simple watch). Children are allowed to wear small flat studs; however, these must be taken out on PE days. Alternatively, parents can add a tape covering over the ears on PE days if they wish to do this instead. We recommend that any parents wishing to pierce their child's ears do this during the school summer holiday.

For religious reasons, we allow children to wear head covering; this must be black. For ease and for health and safety reasons especially if worn on PE days, this must be a simple pull-on scarf. Any other items required to be worn for religious reasons will be accepted such as a kara.

4.6 Where to purchase

Add details including:

- Parents and carers can obtain the uniform from all high-street retailers including supermarkets. If parents wish to purchase a school logo jumper/cardigan, they can do so from Natasha Schoolwear in Huddersfield. 1 Buxton Way New Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2UL
- We are part of the School Uniform Exchange which offers a complete school uniform including coats. Parents can request this through the school office or contact school uniform exchange themselves. Uniform Exchange, Railway Sawmills, Burbeary Road, HD1 3UN

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils whenever the policy is changed through surveys.
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy