



Mount Pleasant Primary School Uniform Policy

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Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress in accordance with our uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us for a number of reasons. It is one way we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and it enhances security.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school.
- Pupils make a commitment that when they put on a Mount Pleasant uniform they will abide by the school Code of Conduct.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles which can detract from the learning.
- Uniforms make us equal. Whether families have high or low incomes, the pupils come to school all looking the same way. No one has to feel guilty about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school. **It is the headteacher's right to deem whether the school uniform, hair cut etc. is inappropriate.**

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Parents and carers will be contacted about their child not being in uniform unless a valid reason has been provided. They will be asked to bring in the appropriate uniform. If no uniform is brought to school their child will be asked to put on some clean, spare uniform. We have numerous items of spare uniform which a child can wear. If they refuse they may have to work in isolation away from their class that day.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share their reasons with the class teacher/home school mentor or headteacher by letter, school platform, telephone call or in person. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line

with our culture of honest conversations with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. We can loan out spare uniform when it is necessary.

Each Friday we have a P.E. focus in school and an instructor taking lessons. This is known as Physical Friday and children can come to school already wearing their P.E. kit. In the colder seasons children can wear plain jogging bottoms and a plain black hoody. Some hoodies are available to purchase from the school office with the school logo on.

When children enter year 6 they have the option to purchase a Leavers' hoodie which they can wear all year round. These can be purchased from the school office and include the school logo and child's initials. Various colours are available: navy, black, maroon or grey. Please note this is not compulsory.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, some school trips or wearing different clothes as part of a fund raising event or as a reward. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what the revised dress code is on these days.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Mount Pleasant Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Uniform Details

Autumn/Winter/Spring

Red sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan

White shirt/white polo shirt

Black/grey skirt*/pinafore OR black/grey trousers (**no tracksuit bottoms or leggings**)

Black/red tights OR **plain black/white/grey** socks

Black shoes

Summer Term

Black/grey tailored shorts or black/grey trousers

Red and white gingham dress* (white shorts may be worn underneath)

Plain black/white/grey socks

OR

Black/grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress with plain black/white/grey socks

(no tracksuit bottoms or leggings)

PE Kit

Indoor

Plain white/red t-shirt

Black shorts/ black skorts/black leggings

Black school plimsolls**

Velcro fastening for EYFS

Outdoor

Plain white/red t- shirt

Tracksuit- unbranded

Plain black trainers

* Skirts must be of a suitable length. Tube skirts are not appropriate.

** Plimsolls are to be worn for indoor PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day. Smart, showerproof, jacket-style coats, are available to purchase. Ask for details at the school office if you would like further information.

Bags and belongings

A high-visibility book bag is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into school but children can choose their own style of bag. PE bags are also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering worn for religious or for cultural value should be simple and not cover the face. Any hair accessories worn such as slides, hair bobbles etc. should be small, simple and in keeping with the school uniform colours.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be groomed and professional at all times.

Long hair should be **fully tied back**. This is for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. **Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.**

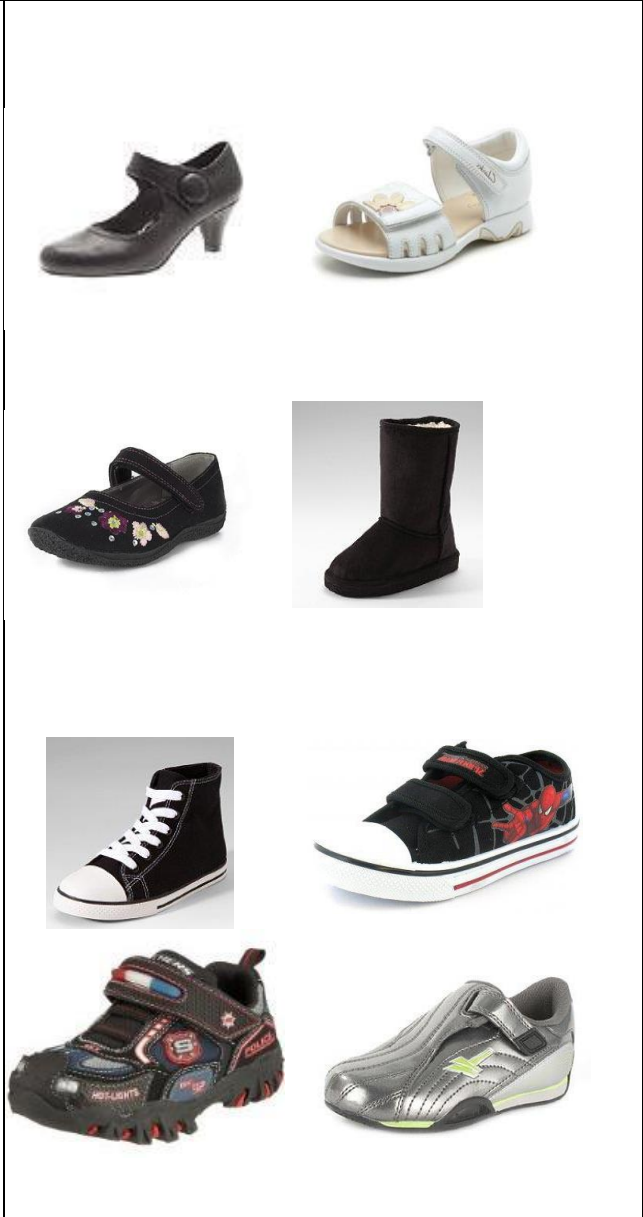
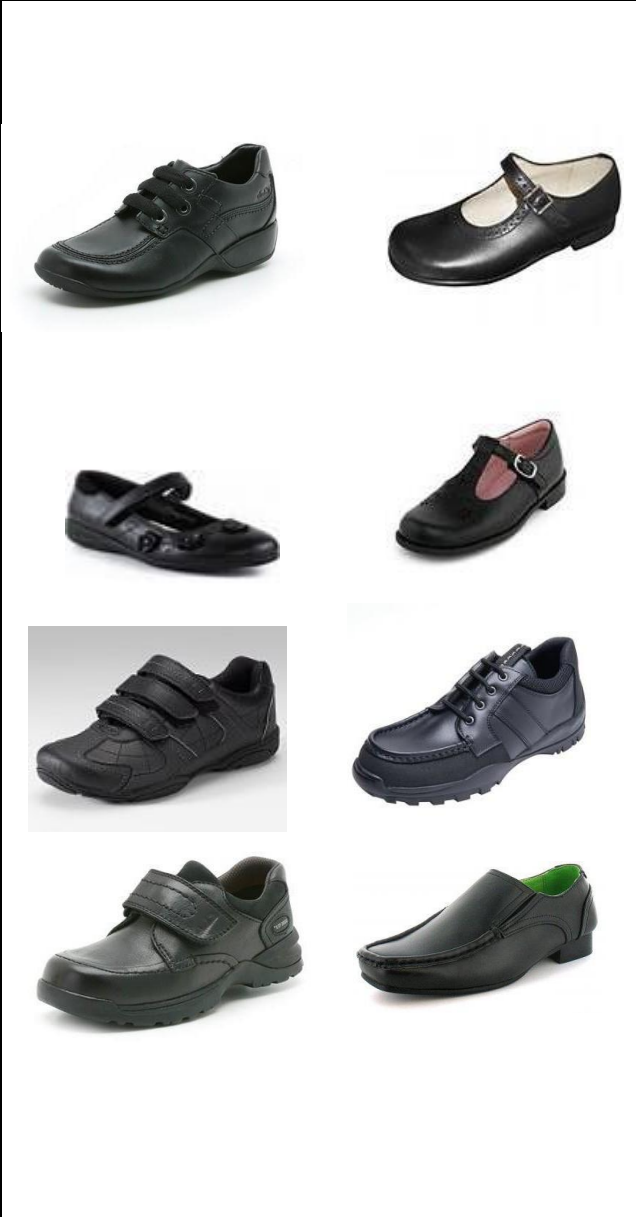
Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear which have flashing lights on are not appropriate for school unless they can be switched off. Flat-soled ankle style boots are suitable but not UGG style boots. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term. In snowy conditions, children may wear wellingtons but must change into their school shoes when they get into school.

Acceptable

Unacceptable

Shoes



Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE or taped. (Please ensure that if you are going to get your child's ears pierced you would do it over the 6 week holiday period if possible).

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

Body Piercing and Tattoos

Body piercing is prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil. Pupils are not allowed to have tattoos of any kind on their body. Some children wear transferable tattoos during the holidays/ weekends. These should be washed off before returning to school.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERYIMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are kept for some time. Efforts are made by the staff to return found items to their owners or find lost items when notified.

All unclaimed lost property is recycled or disposed of at the end of term.