



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 spare uniform.

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 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.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code 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 skirt/pinafore OR black trousers (**no tracksuit bottoms or leggings**)

Black/red tights OR black/white socks

Black shoes

Summer Term

Black tailored shorts or black trousers

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

White socks

OR

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

(no tracksuit bottoms or leggings)

PE Kit

Indoor

Plain white/Red t-shirt

Black shorts/ black skorts

Black school plimsolls**

Velcro fastening for EYFS

Outdoor

White t shirt

Tracksuit- unbranded

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. 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. PE bags are also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

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. Boots are **not** allowed. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term. In snowy conditions, children may wear wellingtons but must change into their shoes when they get into school.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Girls' Shoes	
 	 
Boys' Shoes	
 	 

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 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.**

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.

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.