



Moira Primary School

School Uniform Expectations – Update August 2024

Our expectations are that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that our school take pride in

Our uniform policy offers a choice and is a flexible dress code enabling pupils the choice of approved items of uniform; which will not be discriminatory on the basis of gender reassignment. Gender-neutral pupils can make choices of clothes to wear and transgender pupils have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity.

Our school colour is blue	
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white polo shirt (with logo), or white shirt / blouse. • Royal blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo • Plain grey/black trousers (not skinny look trousers/jeans), shorts, skirt, pinafore or blue checked gingham dress may be worn in the summer, <i>Skirt/dresses must be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.</i> • Plain school white, grey or black socks/tights • Sensible black shoes (not trainers, pumps, combat boots, high tops, heels, sandals or any other fashion wear). Velcro or magnetic fastenings are preferable to laces for younger children. • A school book bag / PE bag with the logo is optional.
PE Kit <i>All PE kits should be free from any brand logo or name unless school logo</i>	<p>Indoor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White T-shirt (with logo) • Plain black (preferred) or blue shorts • Change of socks • Plimsolls <p>Outdoor (from Year One onwards):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers • Plain black or grey jogging bottoms / tracksuit bottoms / sweater (can be purchased from any supermarket or high street store, no logos). • White T-shirt (with logo)
<p>Hair Boys and girl's hair, which is below the collar line, must be tied back at all times for PE lessons. Hair is to be of an appropriate colour and style.</p> <p>Jewellery and Headwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small ear studs and watches). • We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. • Summer hats that cover the neck are actively encouraged. • All jewellery must be removed (by pupils themselves) for PE including earrings, the external rules change regularly and are dependent on activity. Where children cannot remove their earrings they may 'tape' them and this should be adequate depending on the activity being undertaken. If taping is unsatisfactory to ensure safe participation, adaptations to the lesson may be made for them to join in. • We discourage the wearing of smart watches, however if worn the call, messaging and camera features MUST be disabled during the school day. <p>Make up, Nail varnish and temporary tattoos Children are not permitted to wear makeup, nail varnish, nail extensions or temporary tattoos.</p> <p>All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. Our schools cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.</p>	

Uniform Providers

Uniform and accessories with the school logo can be ordered from the following providers, **however**, please remember that logoed uniform is not compulsory but correctly coloured uniform is the expectation.

School uniform items embroidered with our school logo are available from:

- Ashby School Wear (located inside Baby Planet) in Ashby – www.ashbyschoolwear.co.uk
- Pupils Schoolwear in Swadlincote – www.pupilschoolwear.co.uk
- Alternatively, www.myclothing.com is an online provider

Non Compliance

Opportunities to rectify uniform (for example, in the event of ill-fitting shoes or trainers being worn instead of shoes) will be provided, however teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform if flouted.

Equalities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. Additionally, our uniform policy offers a choice and is a flexible dress code enabling pupils the choice of approved items of uniform; which will not be discriminatory on the basis of gender reassignment. Gender-neutral pupils can make choices of clothes to wear and transgender pupils have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. The School Admissions Code 2012, which is statutory guidance, states "Admission authorities **must** ensure that [...] policies around school uniform or school trips do not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child." No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice, due to the cost of the uniform. Alternatively, as outlined parents are able to purchase any uniform in the outlined school colours above.

Governors will consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy for an individual pupil to accommodate particular sensory needs, religious or cultural circumstances. Moira 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.

Complaints and challenges to school uniform policy

Disputes about Moira's school's uniforms are pursued in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress. (See staff code of conduct),
- To monitor uniform compliance and remind children of uniform expectation,
- To speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform, encourage compliance and provide opportunity for alterations to be made,
- To speak to the parents of children who, after being spoken to do not have the correct uniform / appearance.
- To refer to senior leaders if changes are not occurring and;
- To discipline children if, after discussions with parents and opportunity, they still do not have the appropriate appearance / uniform.

Role of the Senior leadership team

- To set a good example in terms of dress. (See staff code of conduct),
- To enforce the school uniform throughout the school communities, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school,
- To monitor uniform compliance and remind children of uniform expectation,
- To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body,
- Speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform,
- Follow the DfE guidelines.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy,
- Ensure that their child/children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days,
- To discuss reasonable requests for uniform flexibility for individuals with specific needs / circumstances with the headteacher, who will consult with governors to make a decision on the request,
- To ensure in the event of noncompliance, contact is made with school to explain why,
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.