



## MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH SCHOOL

### UNIFORM POLICY

*'Excellence, Truth & Grace'*

#### **RATIONALE**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on request. Information regarding school uniform can also be found on the school's website in the section entitled, 'Information for Parents'.

#### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy for school uniform has been informed by the DfE document, 'School uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities' (September 2013).

#### School uniform...

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

#### **PE Kit**

PE is a core curriculum subject and all children must take an active part. It is essential that children are properly prepared with the correct kit. Black school pumps must be worn for indoor PE. A full list of PE kit is available on the school website under 'Information for parents.'

#### **Forest School**

Each child from Year 1 upwards needs to be equipped with a Forest School kit. It is essential that children are properly equipped for these sessions. A full list is available on the school website under the section 'Information for Parents'.

#### **Jewellery**

Jewellery should **not** be worn in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- Small simple gold or silver stud earrings in pierced ears
- A small wristwatch may be worn by children in Year 1 upwards

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. *(The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears*

*pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays so that the earrings can be removed in September.)*

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. diabetes or epilepsy.

### **Nail Varnish**

Nail varnish is **not** part of school uniform and is not permitted at any time. Children who wear nail varnish to school will be asked to remove it at home.

### **Extreme haircuts**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (**No shorter than a number 2**), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair (girls and boys) should also tie it back for safety reasons. Any hair accessories such as bobbles, bows, slides, headbands and beads should be **small** and **simple** and be in keeping with school uniform, i.e. red or grey.

### **Footwear**

We require **all** children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. During the winter months, boots may be worn to school, but children should change into black pumps or school shoes once inside the building. Fashionable boots i.e. branded boots such as Ugg or high heeled boots are **not** allowed to be worn in school. Plain, black or grey trainers may be worn for outdoor PE lessons, but must **not** be worn as normal school footwear. Canvas and trainer type shoes must also **not** be worn. Children are able to change into their PE trainers for playtimes and lunchtimes if they wish but must wear their school shoes inside the building. To encourage independence, children should wear shoes with Velcro fastenings until they are able to tie their own laces.

### **Bags**

School bags are considered part of our school uniform and **must** be in school every day. All children are given a bag when they join our school. This bag is replaced when children reach Year 3. From reception onwards, children are also given a PE bag, which is again replaced in Year 3. School bags must be in school every day. **No** other bag (with the exception of swimming bags) should be brought to school. Pencil cases are also provided in KS2.

### **Water Bottles**

Water bottles are considered part of our school uniform and must be in school everyday. All children are given a water bottle when they join our school. **No** other bottle should be brought into school. Water bottles must contain **plain** water only as this is in line with our Healthy School's status.

### **The role of parents**

We expect all parents and carers to support the school uniform policy.

Parents/Carers should: -

- Send their children to school correctly dressed and able to participate in all the learning opportunities provided. Children who do not have the correct PE kit will **not** be able to participate in PE lessons.
- Ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

- Label **all** of their child's school uniform (including shoes and coats) clearly with their child's full name and class.

Where circumstances determine that the school uniform policy will be breached, a period of 1 weeks grace will be given to allow time to organise replacement uniform. In the case of school shoes, children will be required to wear their black school PE pumps in place of school shoes in the school building. Children may change into their alternative shoes at playtimes and lunchtimes. If necessary, PE pumps will be temporarily provided by a central store in school.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head teacher.

If children are not following our uniform policy, class teachers will speak to either the child or their parents (depending on the age of the child) to remind them of our expectations.

If the issue is not resolved, then a more senior member of staff may be involved and parents will be invited into school to discuss the issue further.

We will always seek to engage parents and families to work in partnership with us to ensure that all children follow our policy.

Where we are unable to engage with families and our school uniform policy continues to be breached, we will act in accordance with the DfE Guidelines:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform>

### **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the Head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head teacher 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 helps 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 Head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- Requiring the Head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school is ensuring that the uniform policy is implemented.