

MOORGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



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SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN

The Education Act 2002 section 175 imposes a duty on schools and states that:

*“The governing body of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view **to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children** who are pupils at the school.”*

Safeguarding is not just about Child Protection but also about making sure children are safe from accidental injury, crime and anti-social behaviour. It should also ensure that all children feel safe and have safe places to live.

Statutory guidance on safeguarding children came into effect in January 2007 and is still in force. It defines schools' duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children as:

- Protecting them from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of their health or development
- Ensuring that they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Undertaking that role so as to enable them to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully

Schools should give effect to their duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils by:

1. Creating and maintaining a safe learning environment.
2. Identifying where there are child welfare concerns and taking action.
3. Developing children's understanding, awareness and resilience through the curriculum.
4. Adopting safe recruitment and selection procedures which prevent unsuitable persons from gaining access to children.

For schools, safeguarding children's welfare therefore covers more than the contribution made to child protection in relation to individual children. It also encompasses matters such as pupil health and safety and bullying, racist abuse (about which there are specific statutory requirements), together with a range of other issues, for example, arrangements for meeting the medical needs of children with medical conditions, providing first aid, school security, drugs and substance misuse, etc. about which the Secretary of State has issued guidance. Details of this school's policies in these areas are contained in other documents (See "Other Relevant Policies").

This policy applies primarily to point 1 above and reflects current legislation, accepted best practice and complies with the government guidance: *Working together to Safeguard Children (March 2015) Keeping Children Safe in Education (April 2014)*.

At Moorgate we see the wearing of school uniform as an aid to identification for our children and in this way it forms part of our safeguarding duties.

MISSION STATEMENT

At Moorgate we have a safe, trusting, enabling and stimulating environment.

We promote a sense of purposeful citizenship with shared values and respect for diversity and equality.

We believe in supporting all our children, motivating them to aspire to and achieve their full potential in an inclusive and valued community.

We believe in preparing pupils for the future, ensuring that they have the life skills to make a positive contribution to the British society and the Global community in which they live and develop a strong foundation for personal health and well-being.

1. Rationale

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

2. Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:-

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Creates 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 by most parents

3. Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body

The Governing Body:-

- Monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy
- Seeks the views of parents to ensure they agree with and support the policy
- Considers, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for special dispensation with regard to uniform
- Requires the Headteacher to report to the Governing body on the implementation of the policy

The Headteacher

The Headteacher:-

- Implements and monitors the policy on a day-to-day basis
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained.
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules.
- Issues letters to parents/carers as required.

The Staff

The staff will:-

- Support the Headteacher in maintaining high standards of uniform dress.
- Provide role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing.
- Make discrete and sympathetic enquiries when children fail to wear school uniform.
- Be aware of children whose standard of dress may indicate care issues at home and report concerns to the appropriate persons (see Child Protection Policy).
- Give positive encouragement to children setting good examples of dress.

The Parents

Parents will:-

- Support the School Uniform Policy
- Ensure their children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day.
- Ensure that they keep their children's school uniform clean and in good repair.

- Provide co-operative support to one another in re-cycling used articles of school uniform.

The Children

Our Pupils will:-

- Wear their school uniform on the way to and from school, when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.
- Wear their uniform with pride.
- Try to keep their uniform clean and tidy.
- Remember to bring PE kit on the correct days.

1. Our Uniform Consists of:

BOYS	GIRLS
Light blue or white polo t-shirt White shirt (tie optional - navy and sky blue stripe)	Light blue or white polo t-shirt White shirt / blouse (tie optional - navy and sky blue stripe)
Black or grey trousers	Grey or navy skirt, pinafore dress or trousers, Blue and white checked dresses
Navy blue sweatshirt /jumper (round or V-neck)	Navy blue sweatshirt /jumper (round or V-neck) or cardigan
Black shoes (not trainers), preferably with no laces	Black shoes (not trainers), preferably with no laces

Sweatshirts with the embroidered Moorgate logo can be obtained from:-

Whittakers Schoolwear
106 Deansgate,

Smart Clothing,
Shops 5,6 & 7,

Bolton,
BL1 1BD

Tel No. 01204 389485

Bolton Market Complex,
Blackhorse Street
Bolton
BL1 1SY
Tel No. 01204 392610

All other items can be bought from a variety of retail outlets.

All items of clothing, including footwear, **MUST** be labelled with pupil name. This ensures that misplaced items can easily be identified. 'Name tapes' can be ordered from the school clothing suppliers or alternatively an indelible 'Laundry Marker' pen can be used. Please mark in an easily seen place.

Please check clothing regularly, particularly after washing, as labels can come loose and marker ink can fade.

Remember to mark any new clothing bought mid-year.

School cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

Please reduce the “risks” by ensuring that every garment and piece of footwear is clearly marked with your child’s name.

Book bags and PE bags can be purchased from the school office.

2. PE. Clothing

OUTDOOR (Years 1 – 6 only)	INDOOR (Reception – Year 6)
White T-Shirt	White T-shirt
Black or Blue Shorts	Black or Blue Shorts
White socks	White Socks
Trainers/black pumps	Black pumps
Tracksuit top/sweatshirt	
Tracksuit bottoms	

All children are required to change for PE.

Children must not take part in any PE activity wearing inappropriate footwear.

From time to time children may partake in activities barefoot at the discretion of the teacher.

Children **MUST NOT** take part in any PE activity wearing socks or tights only on their feet.

Muddy boots or shoes must be removed before entering the school premises.

3. Guidelines

- It is expected that children wear the school uniform on each school day with the appropriate footwear.
- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with more details of the uniform and suppliers of items with the school logo. Most items can be purchased at any children's clothing supplier.
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal and written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the child and parents/carers (see Appendix B).
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. unsuitable for the weather, with unsuitable slogans, etc) school will provide uniform for that day. Parents/carers will be expected to return any borrowed garments in a clean condition.

4. Jewellery (See also additional notes APPENDIX D))

For Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear jewellery or make-up in school or on their way to or from school whilst in school uniform. The only exceptions to this are plain stud earrings in pierced ears, or a watch. The watch should be functional and practical, not an expensive "fashion item".

Stud earrings should be removed or taped over with a plaster (provided by parents) for PE, and watches removed to prevent them from causing injury. Watches should be given to the class teacher at the start of the PE Lesson. Under no circumstances should children wear rings or necklaces.

5. Footwear

If, due to inclement weather, children come to school in wellington boots they should bring their regular school shoes in a bag and change into them in the cloakroom. Wellington boots should be placed in the bag and left on or near the child's coat peg.

Sandals and similar forms of footwear are not allowed as they potentially pose a Health and Safety risk. School shoes should be worn.

All children are required to wear black shoes, no heels. Trainers are not deemed to be suitable daytime footwear but may, where appropriate, be used for sporting activities.

6. Inclusion

Moorgate School decides on its own uniform. We will not discriminate based on gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or belief.

To promote inclusion and engagement with the school, pupils will be required to wear uniform for day-to-day wear and on all other recognised school functions/occasions.

7. Special Dispensation

Moorgate welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons (for example on health or religious grounds) why parents want their children to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider, sympathetically, all such requests.

8. Discipline

The Headteacher has the legal authority to discipline children for not wearing school uniform (see <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>) In extreme cases a child could be excluded for persistently failing to wear school uniform. It is our intention to explore all avenues, through consultation and discussion with parents/carers, to avoid this sanction being taken.

If a child arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. A letter will be sent home to parents (see Appendix B). Should the problem persist, parents/carers will be invited into school to discuss the situation.

9. Help with Cost

If any parent/carers cannot provide their child with school uniform because they cannot afford it financial help may be available, or school may be able to donate second-hand uniform. School uniform may include clothes for PE. The parent/carer should initially talk (in confidence) with the Headteacher. (see also <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>).

10. Amendments to Uniform

The Governing Body implements the School Uniform Policy. If any parent would like to suggest practical changes to the school uniform they should initially speak to the Headteacher. Any suggestions receiving popular support will be represented to the Governing Body for their discussion. The day-to-day implementation of school uniform lies with the Headteacher.

11. Non-uniform Days

From time to time school may hold “Non-uniform Days”. These may involve individual classes or the whole school.

Non-uniform days may be held;

- As a reward e.g. Class Attendance Award
- To support a National or Local Charity e.g. Red Nose Day, Children in Need
- To raise funds for the school

Occasionally school may hold Fancy Dress Theme Days such as dressing as a book character to support Book Week.

Children are not obliged to wear anything other than their school uniform on these days but are welcome to join in the fun (most children do). These occasions are not meant to

cause any additional financial burden to parents. We would still expect our pupils to maintain standards of respectability in their dress in line with our school ethos.

12. Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be placed in a designated area. Parents, on request, are welcome to reclaim lost property on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

13. Other Relevant Policies

Child Protection Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Behaviour Policy, Health and Safety Policy, PE Policy.

APPENDIX A: - Standard letter to parents. Child not in uniform.

APPENDIX B: - Standard letter to parents. No PE Kit.

APPENDIX C: - Jewellery – Additional Information



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Head Teacher



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Date.....

Dear Parent/Carer,

We noticed that your child..... Year
was not wearing their school uniform in school today.

I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of wearing school uniform as listed in our School Uniform Policy both for you and your child. As our policy states:

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.”

We would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that your child is dressed appropriately every school day.

If there is some problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears school uniform please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment to discuss the situation.

We would hope to be of help in supporting you and your child in fulfilling our requirements.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. Hopwood
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Dear Parent/Carer,

PE Kit

It has been noted that your childdid not bring his/her PE kit to school today.

Please ensure that he/she has a full kit in school every day. PE lessons and games are a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and the government recommends 2 hours per week for these sessions. This recommendation is difficult to enforce when children come to school with no kit. .

If for any reason your child cannot take part on the lesson due to an injury, a written note will be required.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. Hopwood
Headteacher

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ADDITIONAL JEWELLERY POLICY INFORMATION APPENDIX C

It is the policy of Moorgate Primary School to follow current Health and Safety guidelines in physical education (see below). This means that jewellery should not be worn in any PE. activity including PE., Games, coaching activities and swimming

The Health and Safety Information Bulletin issued by the Education Departmental Safety Co-ordinator has clarified the position with regard to PE., Games and Swimming. "The current Code of Practice for Physical Education, Games, Sports and Outdoor Education states that "watches, jewellery, rings and earrings, belts with metal buckles and other unnecessary encumbrances likely to prove dangerous to the wearer or to others should not be worn". This follows national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE)."

The Bulletin continues: "Schools have a duty to deliver the National Curriculum to all pupils but also have a duty to safeguard pupils in their care. Parents or children refusing to comply with these safety requirements are themselves preventing the school from delivering the National Curriculum."

Should the supervising member of staff feel that any article of jewellery poses a risk to the wearer or other children then the duty of safeguarding will override duty to provide the curriculum and the child will, for their own safety and the safety of others, not be permitted to take part in that activity.

Parents are encouraged to actively work with schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to.

We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.