



MOORHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY
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Policy Statement

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. Moorhill Primary School has an official school uniform which all students are expected to wear. We are conscious of cost and have kept the dress as simple as possible.

Introduction

Our school uniform policy requires the support of parents and carers. We want our pupils to be smartly and sensibly dressed, and despite fashion trends, we aim to have a uniform which is practical, comfortable, and fit for purpose, but also reflects the ethos and values of the school.

A uniform also helps prepare our students for the world of work, 'dressed for business': the business being that of learning.

The policy is an agreement between the school and parents/carers that clarifies for parents/carers the required uniform as set out below. All students are required to wear PE uniform as stated below for PE and sports events.

Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride. Uniforms are to:

- show that they are part of Moorhill Primary School.
- support pupils in being respectful
- give a sense of belonging
- give an identity to the community
- stop/ reduce peer pressure when it comes to clothes
- give a sense of order and purpose
- reduces bullying when everyone is dressed the same

Uniform appearance should be neat and tidy. Pupils are to travel to and from school in the correct uniform and to wear it appropriately during the school day and at all school functions unless stated otherwise.

Moorhill School Uniform



			
Moorhill Primary White Polo £7.99	Moorhill Primary Royal Polo £7.99	Moorhill Primary Cardigan £11.99	Moorhill Primary Jumper £10.99

Other options from most supermarkets:



PE Uniform



Examples of P.E. kit which can be obtained from most supermarkets:



Moorhill Primary School Uniform

- **Blue jumper or cardigan** – this can be with the school logo (obtained from Crested Schoolwear in Cannock) or without a logo from most supermarkets (Asda, Sainsbury's, and Tesco)
- **White shirt or polo shirt**
- **Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress**
- **Blue gingham/striped dress**
- **Black shoes**

Moorhill Primary School PE Kit:

- **Plain white t-shirt** (not a polo shirt as this has buttons and we request no buttons)
- **Plain black jogging bottoms or shorts** depending upon weather
- **Plain black tracksuit top or blue Moorhill Hoodie/ normal blue school jumper**
- **Plain white or black trainers**
- We also have a **school tracksuit** available (see below) – should parents wish to purchase this, please visit Crested Schoolwear in Cannock.

Purchasing Uniform

Crested Schoolwear

Items of uniform can be purchased from any major clothing retailer and items with our school logo on can be obtained from:

Crested Schoolwear,
67 High Green
Cannock
WS11 1BN
Tel: 01543 504866

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Children are allowed to wear a pair of small silver or gold stud earrings only if consent is given by parents/guardians on the school admission forms. [This rule does not apply to jewellery for religious purposes]. No other piercings are permitted.

No other jewellery or wristbands are permitted.
Watches are permitted but not smart watches.

The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers. Hair colour should be of a natural colour only.

Make up, nail varnish, and fake nails/ nail extensions should not be worn to school.

Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at Moorhill Primary School if they wish to. These must however be plain and either white, green or black. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons.

Funding and support of uniform

We want all our pupils to be able to access our school uniform. This is our priority, and we want all pupils to be fully included in these lessons with the correct school uniform. If purchasing appropriate new uniform is not possible due to financial

hardship, then we are here to help. We will endeavour to stock a range of preloved school uniform items that will be available for students to use as needed.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Whilst mobile phones have become helpful aids for parents/carers and children to communicate on the way to and from the school, their use in the school is strictly forbidden. Pupils who walk home in Year 5 and Year 6 can bring phones but they will be placed in a locked cupboard during the school day.

Any valuable items are the responsibility of the student/parents/carers, and the school cannot take any responsibility for lost or stolen items, however we will endeavour to investigate any such problems if they arise.

Lost Property

Within a school, a vast amount of lost property is generated. All items should be clearly marked with the pupil's name so that they can be returned. Any property that is not claimed will be recycled after an appropriate period.

Adaptations for the Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the office.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and record on My Concern.

The Role of the Academy Council

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the councillors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform they comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and take into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of their pupils. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head of School and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The position with relation to school dress is monitored by all staff with class teachers being the people who see pupils first thing in the morning. All staff will reinforce standards around school throughout the day.

Repeated uniform issues are also communicated with parents and discussed to resolve these.

Reminders are given to parents through the school's regular communications.

The school has the final decision over school uniform.