Merton Park Primary School

School Uniform policy

Introduction

At Merton Park Primary it is our policy that all children from Reception class to Year 6 should wear our agreed uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We believe that our Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical. The Headteacher and the school staff will ensure that this policy is implemented fully and with fairness and sensitivity.

Aims

At Merton Park we believe that our school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers, in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by the majority of parents & carers

Our School uniform for Years 1- 6:

- Merton Park jumper or cardigan, with school logo* - *required*
- White polo shirt/shirt – required. Does not need to be branded.
- Grey skirt/pinafore/tailored trousers or shorts- *required*
- Pale blue & white dress -optional (summer term)
- **Plain** black/grey/white tights or socks - *required*
- **Plain** black school shoes/trainers (no sandals/open toes/ankle boots/High tops) - *required* **We ask that children wear shoes without laces until they are able to tie their own laces.**
- Boots or wellingtons may be worn to school but children should change into shoes when they arrive at school.
- Warm and/or waterproof coat (sweatshirts, hooded tops, or sports tops are not to be worn in place of a coat in the winter)
- Book bag in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2* - *required*

Our School uniform for Reception:

- Merton Park Blue school jumper or cardigan, **with school logo*** - required
- White shirt or polo shirt - required. Does not need to be branded.
- Black or Grey tracksuit bottoms - required. Shorts and dresses can be worn in the summer term.
- Plain black school shoes/trainers (no sandals/open toes/ankle boots) - required. **We ask that children wear shoes without laces in our EYFS.**
- Boots or wellingtons may be worn to school but children should change into shoes when they arrive in school.
- Grey, black or white socks- required
- Warm and/or waterproof coat (sweatshirts, hooded tops or sports tops are not to be worn in place of a coat in the winter)

School uniform is optional in our Nursery class. Book Bags are required.

Examples of Acceptable shoes	Examples of Unacceptable shoes

PE kit (whole school)

- Royal blue shorts - required
- Yellow Merton Park t-shirt* - required. Must be branded.
- Plimsolls or trainers (no High top trainers)
- **Plain** black/grey/white socks - required
- **Plain** dark blue/black/grey tracksuit bottoms (can be an alternative to shorts)
- **Plain** dark blue/black/grey sweatshirt/hoodie in during winter months (optional) *Hoodies are not permitted in Reception.*

*Items marked with * are available from our uniform supplier Stitch Design – please follow the link on the school website.*
All other uniform items are available from a wide range of good value school uniform suppliers.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.
Thank you.

Other clothing
During the winter months, children are encouraged to wear warm hats, gloves and scarves. In the summer months they are encouraged to wear a hat. Hats should not be worn indoors.

Jewellery & watches
Children may wear a pair of small, plain gold or silver stud earrings, with no additions. These should either be removed for PE lessons or should be taped up.
Pupils may wear discreet wrist watches, providing that they fit under the child's jumper and that they are not toy/game watches or smartwatches which connect to the internet.
We discourage other jewellery (for safety reasons) although we recognise that jewellery may be worn as an expression of faith (such as a small, discreet necklace) and we would ask parents to let us know in advance. The school does not take any responsibility for any lost or damaged jewellery or watches.

Hair
Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back and be kept off the face using a hairband, hair clips or hair ties. Large or highly decorative hair accessories are not appropriate for school.

Nail varnish and make-up
Children should not wear make-up or nail varnish. If children use lip salve, they should make sure that it is not glossy or coloured. Teachers will ask children to keep the lip salve in their bags during the day.

Nursery
It is not a requirement for children in Nursery to wear school uniform, although some parents choose this for their children. Many parents of Nursery children prefer for them to wear their own clothes but with a school jumper or cardigan.

The Role of Parents
We ask all parents of Merton Park pupils to support the school's uniform policy by sending their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their day at school. In addition, we ask parents to ensure that all pieces of school uniform and PE kit are labelled with their child's name.
If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If parents have valid reasons (e.g. religious belief) for their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform listed above, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Breach of Uniform Policy
Parents and carers will be contacted in the first instance by class teachers if their child is in breach of any aspect of this policy. If a pupil is continuously in breach of the policy, then the matter will be escalated to the Senior Leadership Team.

Second-hand uniform
The PTA have a wide range of previously worn school uniform that can be purchased by parents of Merton Park. There is a link to their uniform shop on the school website.

Lost Property
Lost property is stored in a box in the school reception area; children can check this box at any time and parents can do so before and after school. Each half term, any remaining lost property is displayed in the playground so that parents and children can claim their own items. After one term, any unclaimed lost property will be re-used or recycled.

Equal Opportunities
As part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, the school and governors have carefully considered the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics. The school will endeavour to support parents who are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to afford a school uniform.

Rights Respecting School

Merton Park Primary School is committed to upholding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This policy supports the following Articles of the UNCRC: **Article 28:** Every child has the right to an education.

Monitoring the impact of this policy

Staff and governors will regularly revisit this policy in staff meetings to ensure that everyone is aware of the principles and guidance it contains. Parents will be regularly reminded of the school's policy and their views will be sought before any changes are made to the uniform policy.

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