

Marston Moreteyne VC School



Uniform Policy



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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should 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 our website, none of which needs to have a school logo.

<https://www.marstonmoreteyveschool.org/uniform/>

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a 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;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance; is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been considered with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earrings; small studs in pierced ears and simple analogue watches. The children must remove these items for PE and swimming. We ask that ears are pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for the healing process.

Hair and Make Up

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. All children, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. Parents should also be aware that transfer tattoos are not permitted. Excessive use of gel or hair products is not permitted. Make up (including nail varnish and hair dye/hair extensions) in any format is not allowed.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. When choosing footwear, parents should consider comfort and practicality i.e. footwear with a good grip. Please note that we **do not permit** footwear with flashing lights or sound effects and will advise parents of any other 'trend' which is considered to be inappropriate.

Given that we are a Forest School and children spend a significant amount of time outside, we do permit children to wear trainers for school. We reserve the right to review this decision should the wearing of trainers become problematic.

Winter boots/Wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but appropriate indoor shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

Seasonal safety

All children are required to have a coat in school.

On hot sunny days the children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or cap - this should be worn in the traditional way to help protect their eyes;
- keeping their shoulders, necks and sensitive skin areas covered;
- wearing sun block that has been applied at home.

(Please note that teachers are not allowed to apply sun creams)

<https://www.marstonmoreteyneschool.org/policies/>

The school reserves the right to keep individual children indoors should they not be adequately protected from the weather.

Although we are an 'all weather' school, at times classes will stay indoors when weather conditions are extreme.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The school is aware that some families may have difficulty in providing uniform for their children. In this instance parents are invited to contact the school office to discuss whether they are eligible for one of the means of support that the school can offer.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or medical needs then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteachers.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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Appendix 1: Uniform Policy ~ Itemised Summary

The table below indicates the appropriate dress code and items that are not allowed.
Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name.

Item	Colour	Additional Notes
*Polo Shirt or plain white collared shirt/blouse	White (School logo optional)	Non-Logo items are available from most clothing retailers
*Sweatshirt or Cardigan	Scarlet Red (School logo optional)	Non-Logo items are available from most clothing retailers
Skirt or Pinafore dress or Culottes	Grey	Available from most clothing retailers
Summer Dresses	In pink/white gingham check	Available from most clothing retailers
Trousers or Shorts	Grey	Available from most clothing retailers
*Fleeces	Scarlet Red	Non-Logo items are available from most clothing retailers
Footwear	Sensible black shoes or Trainers	Footwear with a good grip with and covered toes No sound effects or flashing lights
P.E. Kit	*White T-shirt Black PE shorts Outside PE ~Trainers Inside PE ~ Barefoot	During the colder months children are permitted to wear a track suit or jogging bottoms When medical conditions prevent barefoot work, plimsolls can be worn for <i>Gymnastics/Dance/Yoga</i>
Make up		Make up is not allowed Transfer tattoos are not allowed
Hair		Dyed hair is not allowed Long hair should be tied back (girls and boys) Non-distracting hairbands only
Jewellery		One pair of small stud earrings are allowed (to be worn one in each ear or a single earring) Children are permitted to wear a simple analogue watch Children are not permitted to wear any 'smart' devices

*If you prefer an item of clothing with a school logo these items can be purchased online from Brigade Clothing.
<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>

The school PTA keep a wide selection of most school uniform items which can be purchased at regular after school Uniform Sales and from their Facebook which can be found at:

mmvcs.pta@gmail.com

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Appendix 2: Uniform Policy ~ Itemised School Stock

Each school office keeps a **limited** stock of the following non-essential items, most of which is pre-owned.

Item	Price	Item	Price
Sweatshirt	£8	Sweat Cardigan	£12
Polo Shirts	£5	T-Shirts	£6
Fleeces	£10		
Reading Book Bags	£3		
Hats	£2.50		
PE/Swimming Bag	£3		

If you need any support around any aspect of uniform,
then please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.