



MERRIOTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT
PRIMARY SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Merriott Primary School
Uniform Policy

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Review Cycle	Every 2 years, or when there is a change in statutory guidance or legislation
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1. Introduction

At Merriott Primary School, it is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours. School uniform and presentation play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the learning environment and sets an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline, and encourages identity with the school.

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- a. Promotes a sense of pride in our school.
- b. Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- c. Identifies the children with the school.
- d. Supports our commitment to equality and inclusion.
- e. Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Clothing

- a. A burgundy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.
- b. A white or burgundy polo shirt.
- c. Black or grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt.
- d. Black or grey tights.
- e. White, black or grey socks.
- f. Plain, black, flat shoes or trainers without logos.
- g. In Summer a burgundy and white checked dress may also be worn.
- h. All uniform options are available to all pupils, regardless of gender identity.

4. P.E. Kits

- a. White or their 'House' coloured t-shirt, (blue FLAX, green MILLERS, red TRAFALGAR, yellow KINGSTON).
- b. Black or grey shorts.
- c. Trainers / daps (Plimsolls).
- d. Children may wish to wear sweatshirts and tracksuits during winter in line with the school or house colours.
- e. It is essential children have a full range of clothing for PE and that their PE kit is named and stored in an appropriate PE bag that is always kept in school.

5. Expectations

- a. We expect children to appear tidy and wear their uniform smartly. Shorts, skirts and dresses should be knee length. You are asked to label your child's clothing and PE kits clearly (including shoes), to help prevent clothing from being lost.
- b. The wearing of all cosmetic jewellery is strongly discouraged, although children may wear a watch. Children may wear one pair of small stud earrings; these must be removed during PE lessons or covered with protective tape supplied from home.
- c. Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up including nail varnish except for dress up days.

6. Hairstyles

- a. long hair should be tied back. Any hair accessories such as hairbands, should be in the school colours (white, grey, black or burgundy).
- b. Hairstyles that reflect cultural, religious, or ethnic identity are welcomed. The school does not permit hairstyles that are unsafe or significantly disruptive to learning, but this does not include styles such as braids, locs, Afros, or religious head coverings.

7. The Role of Parents

- a. 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 their class teacher or member of the leadership team. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. If a child is not presented appropriately, in line with this policy, a member of staff will contact parents to discuss this matter.
- b. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are significant reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, as stated in the uniform policy, school will consider such requests sympathetically. In these cases, parents should speak with the head teacher. Uniform items can be purchased from multiple retailers. Whilst we do encourage uniform with the school logo, this is not mandatory and plain uniform in the school colours can be worn instead. The school PTA also runs a second-hand uniform exchange.

8. The Role of Governors.

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school 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 governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is safe and practical.