

# Middlefield Community Primary School



## Uniform Policy

Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Middlefield Community Primary School, parents agree to support our policy.

### **Aims and Objectives**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind. Uniform with the school logo; sweatshirts and polo shirts are all available from the school office and are sold at cost price (not for profit) from our suppliers.

**Remember to mark any clothing with names. The 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 or piece of clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.**

### **Nursery Uniform;**

- **School jogging bottoms with a school sweatshirt or cardigan**
- **Black shoes (flat), black trainers or black pumps**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Girls Uniform</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School sweatshirt or cardigan</li><li>• A white polo shirt</li><li>• Grey skirt or school kilt</li><li>• Grey pinafore dress</li><li>• Black or grey tights</li><li>• A summer dress (summer term)</li><li>• Black shoes (flat), black pumps or black trainers</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Boys Uniform</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School sweatshirt</li><li>• A white polo shirt</li><li>• Grey trousers or shorts</li><li>• Black shoes, black pumps or black trainers</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE Kit</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A plain white round neck T-Shirt</li><li>• Plain black shorts</li><li>• Pumps or trainers</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE Kit</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A plain white round neck T-Shirt</li><li>• Plain black shorts</li><li>• Pumps or trainers</li></ul>

<p><b><u>Storage</u></b></p> <p>PE Kits should be stored in an appropriate bag (such as a drawstring bag) that can be hung up in the cloakroom area. Each item should be named.</p>
<p><b><u>Swimming</u></b></p> <p>Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume. Boys must wear trunks or 'short' swimming shorts (not baggy Bermuda type shorts). Children with long hair should wear a swimming cap.</p>

### **Jewellery**

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, jewellery of a religious nature and a watch.

Stud ear-rings should be **removed** or recently pierced ears should be **taped over** with a plaster (provided by parents) **for PE and swimming** and **watches removed** to prevent them causing injury.  
*Note: staff do not put ear studs, etc. back in if the child cannot manage it*

### **Hair**

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough.

### **Make-up**

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and should be removed.

### **Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body**

**The Head teacher and Assistant Heads:**

- Implement and monitor the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school;
- 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 Governing Body:
- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise;
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **Role of the Staff**

#### **The staff will:**

- Dress appropriately; teachers and teaching assistants should set a good example in what they wear, avoiding clothing that are overly casual;
- Jewellery should be kept to a bare minimum for health and safety reasons and to support our expectations for the children;
- Support the head teacher in maintaining high standards of uniform dress, including appropriate footwear;
- Provide role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing and not wear tracksuits unless during a morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught;
- Teachers are encouraged to change for PE sessions, or wear trainers if they prefer. Staff should only wear PE kit for the actual session (morning or afternoon) changing over the lunchtime period;
- No blue, black, coloured or blue denim jeans to be worn;
- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when children fail to wear school uniform;
- Give positive encouragement to children setting good examples of dress.

### **Role of the Parents / Carers**

#### **The Parents will:**

- Support the School Uniform Policy;
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned;

- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

### **Role of the Children**

#### **The Children will:**

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

### **Non-compliance with the School and P.E Uniform Policy**

If a child breaches the school uniform or P.E uniform policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one. If a child breaches this again a reminder letter will be sent home to parents notifying them of this breach.

If a child forgets their swimming kit or PE kit school will attempt to contact parents/ carers to bring a swimming kit to school immediately. Collective praise for wearing uniform as well as reminders of the need to do so, will also be given to classes within assemblies.

The Head teacher may feel the need to contact parents / carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately. As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E uniform (lost or damaged) then we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason or to send a letter to school with your child explaining the reason why.

Middlefield School Uniform Reminder

Date: .....

Dear Parent, We noticed that your child ..... was not wearing their school uniform in school today.

Please help your child by ensuring they bring ..... to school in the future.

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 in school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Potter

Headteacher

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

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

If there is a problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the 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.

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## Your child missed something good today!

Child's Name:.....

Unfortunately, because your child did not have the appropriate kit, they had to miss PE / Games / Swimming today.

This lesson is part of the National Curriculum and all children are expected to take part in it.

The lesson is on: Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

Please help your child make sure they have the proper kit on the day that they need it.

If there is any reason your child cannot take part, please make sure they have a note from you to explain.

Many thanks,

.....Class Teacher

(Tip: for PE and Games, send kit in at beginning of a half term. Unless it gets heavily soiled, it can stay in school until the end of the half term and be washed in the holiday.)