



Merton Abbey Primary School

Uniform Policy

This policy will be reviewed in full on a yearly basis.

This policy was reviewed and updated in **February 2025**

Next review date: **February 2027**

Member of staff responsible for monitoring and reviewing the policy: **Senior Leadership team**

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our School uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Merton Abbey uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms help pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as our equality policy.

Procedures

- Uniform must be purchased online through our supplier School Trends: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/MertonAbbeyPrimarySchoolSW192JY>
- All pupils should take care of their own belongings and all uniform must be labelled with the pupil's name, as the school cannot be responsible for the loss or damage of any valuables or uniform.

Uniform details

All year round:

- Navy blue school crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with Merton Abbey logo.
- Light blue polo style shirt (preferably with the Merton Abbey logo).
- Plain navy-blue, black or grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers.
- Plain blue, black or grey socks or tights.
- Plain black **trainers** (no logos or designs).
- Plain black flat **shoes** (with no heels).
- Head scarves and leggings worn for cultural/religious reasons **must be** plain blue or black.

Summer:

- Light blue and white checked dresses.
- White socks
- Grey, black or navy-blue shorts or culottes.

NB: -

1. No winter or wellington boots should be worn indoors; a pair of school shoes must be brought to change into.
2. Long sleeved tops should not be worn under school polo shirts. Children should keep warm by wearing their school sweat shirt or cardigan.
3. No nail-varnish.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes or trainers with a flat sole. Shoes with flashing lights are not appropriate for school. Wellington boots may be worn for outdoor use in adverse weather conditions and specified school trips. A pair of school shoes must be brought to change into. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
	

Outer Garments – One of these is strongly recommended for School Educational Visit purposes.

- School Blue fleece with the Merton Abbey logo and / or a
- School reversible coat with the Merton Abbey Logo

Other Important School Items

- School Book Bags for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils - These are compulsory.
- School rucksacks/Book bags for Key Stage 2 pupils - These are optional, but recommended. All children must bring a bag to school each day.

Jewellery

Jewellery of any sort (including rings, bracelets and necklaces) is not permitted under any circumstances for health and safety reasons with the exception of -

- Wrist watches for Year 2 children upwards – these must be removed for PE.
- Small stud earrings only.
- Bracelets or necklaces for medical identification or religious law/obligations/compliance only.

P.E. Kit:

- 'T' Shirt – Navy blue, preferably with the school logo on.
- Shorts - Navy blue or black with no commercial logos.
- Tracksuits - Navy blue or black with no commercial logos.
- Trainers for outdoor sports.
- Plain black plimsolls for indoor sports.
- P.E. bags are available for storage of P.E. kits. These are optional but very useful. All children must have their PE kit in a bag.

Hair:

- All hair that touches the shoulder must be tied back using plain hair accessories.
- Girls' hair accessories must be in school colours and plain.
- No extreme hairstyles or hair colouring to be worn in school.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Following the school's uniform policy is an important part of the school culture. If a child is not following the uniform policy, adults in the school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Class teachers will also speak to parents/carers in the first instance. This will then be followed up by a senior leader.

However, there may be a good reason why a child is not wearing school uniform for a day or a short period of time. In this case, parents and carers should share the reason with the Head teacher or the child's class teacher, either in person or by letter. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties around uniform.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund-raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what the revised dress code is on these days.