



Moat Farm Junior School

School Uniform Policy

2024-2025

Introduction

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. We ask children to wear their shirts/t-shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available at local shops including supermarkets.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain and either burgundy or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn at school unless for an out-of-school hour's function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos, as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black.

The Role of Parents

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 condition 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 a member of the school's pastoral team to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. We are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to purchase second-hand uniforms at various times throughout the year. This initiative allows families to conveniently access affordable, quality school uniforms. We hope this provides a helpful solution for parents while also promoting sustainability within our community.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new stock to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will then be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteachers.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteachers in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all requests from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteachers 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteachers, any requests from parents for individual children to have special modification with regards to school uniform.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of burgundy and grey/black. Most items can be bought from high street shops. It is not essential to purchase items containing the school logo, however branded items are marked with a * below and are sold on the school website.

Required uniform for girls:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or red and white checked dresses
- White blouse or polo t-shirt*
- Burgundy sweatshirt* or cardigan* (without a hood), either plain or with the Moat Farm logo
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or black or grey tights.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Required uniform for boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms
- White shirt or polo t-shirt*
- Burgundy sweatshirt (without a hood), either plain or with the Moat Farm logo*

Reversible waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available to purchase.

Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building. Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a drawstring bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniforms and P.E. kits MUST be named (children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything).

Required list of items for girls and boys:

- Black shorts
- Burgundy t-shirt*
- A pair of plimsolls – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- Black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

School Bags

Children do not need to bring lots of equipment to school, pupils require a book bag and/or a small rucksack. Bags must fit inside the child's locker, if it doesn't then your child will not be able to use it for school.

Non – Compliance

As a school, we will work sympathetically with all families to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, however, following government guidance, Moat Farm may give sanctions for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform.

This policy should be read along with the DfE guidance School uniforms: guidance for schools (April 2024).

