	MONKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL		
	SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY		
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Aim

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 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.

Expectations

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Monkleigh Primary uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- 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 look professional. 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. The school's Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discreet in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

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

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 equality, race relations and sex discrimination. Monkleigh Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from

harassment and to achieve their full potential. Minor adjustments to the standard school uniform are accepted for religious reasons but these should be discussed the Headteacher in the first instance.

School uniform

Grey/Black shorts, trousers, skirts, pinafores.

White (polo) shirt, plain or with logo (Available from www.institchesweb.co.uk)

Green sweatshirts or cardigan with logo. (red for sunflowers and caterpillars)

Red Hoody with logo on and child's initials for P.E and forest school
Red P.E. T shirt with logo

Black P.E. shorts with logo (or plain if preferred) Skorts/Shorts

In Summer green gingham dresses can be worn

Please check the School Threads page for extra items available. – i.e Book bags, PE bags, school bags, fleeces, coats.

All uniforms can have your child's initials embroidered on below the logo.

School trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafore dresses and polo shirts can be purchased from high street stores or school shops

Outdoor clothing

Pupils should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Hats, scarves and boots should not be worn inside the school buildings. Sun hats should be worn outside during the hotter summer months.

Footwear

Pupils can either where school shoes - closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole or a black trainer that can be worn all day – including PE, if trainers are coloured they can only be worn for PE and a plain black shoe/trainer must be changed back into after PE. In the case of extreme weather children can wear boots to school but must change into a pair of shoes on arrival to school.

Pupils can wear trainers or back plimsolls for outdoor PE lessons.

Pupils can change into trainers for their break times

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and tidy at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small, stud earrings which must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE and sporting events by the pupil. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Child's initials can be added to school uniform by the school uniform provider – school threads

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property bins. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through one of these. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is put out for parents periodically throughout the term. At the end of every term, all unclaimed items of uniform will be disposed of.

School Uniform Supplier

Click on the link to see a current list for School Uniform:

www.institchesweb.co.uk

'New to You' uniform

We have a range of new to you school uniform that is available via a small donation to school. Please see our facebook page. Monkleigh school second hand uniform sale.