



Morpeth First School

School uniform policy

At Morpeth First School we have a school uniform which all children are expected to wear. We believe that our school uniform gives children a sense of identity, community and pride in their school. Our uniform is designed to be functional and does not discriminate between children. We do not encourage the wearing of clothing which has logos (other than the school logo) or allow the wearing of clothing which depicts inappropriate messaging for children of first school age (this includes images depicting online games which are not age appropriate for young children etc).

Our school uniform consists of the following:

- A white polo shirt, grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts and a red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Red gingham dresses may be worn in the summer
- Children should wear plain black shoes or black trainers to school with socks or grey/red/black tights. Sandals without socks may be worn in the summer.
- PE kit comprises of plain white t shirt and black shorts and sandshoes. In cold weather, children should wear a plain dark coloured sweatshirt/hoodie and black/grey jogging bottoms and trainers suitable for outside use. Football strips, jeans, beachwear, sleeveless tops and brightly patterned clothes are not allowed.
- Forest School. It is important that children have warm, waterproof clothing which protects them from the elements and accidental injuries from materials and plants. On timetabled forest school days, children will need a long-sleeved top, full length trousers/leggings, waterproof shoes/wellies/walking boots and a waterproof coat with a hood (no gilets)
- Jewellery – children should not wear jewellery other than a watch. Watches capable of taking digital images are not allowed in any circumstances. Earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. If a child has their ears pierced, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that these remain covered, especially for PE and swimming, until the period of time has elapsed for them to heal. After this time earrings should not be worn in school. Morpeth First School staff cannot be held responsible for accidents or injury occurring through the wearing of earrings.
- Hair colouring or dye is not allowed unless given permission by school staff as part of a charity or celebration event. Hair slides and hair bands, if worn, should be plain and not have unnecessary adornments unless it is for a specific charity or celebration event.
- It is advisable for long hair to be tied back for health and safety reasons and to avoid the spread of head lice

- Swimming Kit (Year 4 only) – swimming costume/swimming trunks (no bikinis) a towel and a swimming hat (for both boys and girls).

Children will need a *small*, flat book bag and a water bottle (these can be purchased from the school office for a nominal fee). Rucksacks are not permitted due to limited space in cloakroom unless they contain swimming kit (Year 4 only) or forest school clothing as these are taken home at the end of the day.

All items of clothing, coats and bags must be named clearly so that they can be returned to the child. Items that are not claimed by the end of each half term will be donated to charity.

We understand that it can be difficult for families to provide expensive items of uniform for their children so we do not insist on children wearing items of clothing with the school logo on, and most can be bought from main retailers such as supermarkets. These items, however, should be of the same colour as those above. Uniform items with the school badge on can be ordered from Tots to Teams (link available on the school website). A small quantity of good quality second hand uniforms are also available from the school and Stobhill Link (please contact the school office for details).

We are aware that in a very small number of cases, children may struggle with sensory issues and certain items or types of clothing may exacerbate their condition. In these circumstances, please contact the Head Teacher to discuss alternative arrangements.

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