

Moss Park Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

At Moss Park Primary School, we are proud of our school uniform. It shows that we are all part of one school community and helps all children feel they belong. Our uniform supports our high expectations and helps create a positive learning environment. It also helps children feel equal and safe, and encourages respect between everyone in school.

All children are expected to wear full school uniform every day. This includes normal school days and school trips or activities outside of school hours.

We understand that some families may be worried about the cost of school uniform. That is why we keep our uniform simple and affordable as detailed in our policy.

Our full school uniform list, including clothes needed for P.E. (Physical Education), is explained clearly in the uniform policy. This policy was written by school governors, staff, parents, and children in our school council to make sure it is fair and helpful for everyone. By wearing our uniform, children help create a positive, respectful, and inclusive school.

Purpose of our policy

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

- ✓ Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- ✓ Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards our school
- ✓ Identifies the children with our school
- ✓ Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- ✓ Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- ✓ Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- ✓ Is smart, practical and designed with health and safety in mind
- ✓ Prepares pupils for the world of work, in which dress codes are normal practice

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

Making Our Uniform Affordable and Fair

We want our school uniform to be fair, simple, and affordable for all families. We will do this by:

- Only asking for special or branded items if they are really needed
- Keeping the number of branded items low
- Not asking for special coats, bags, or shoes that children also use outside of school
- Making sure the same uniform is used for all pupils (no different rules for year groups)
- Using the same uniform for lessons and after-school activities when possible
- Offering second-hand uniform at low prices in regular school sales
- Not changing the uniform often, so families do not have to keep buying new items
- Talking to parents and pupils before making any big changes to the uniform
- Listening to parents if they have concerns about the uniform

School Uniform and Equality

At Moss Park Primary School, we want every child to feel included, safe, and comfortable. Our school uniform rules follow the **Equality Act 2010**, which means we must treat everyone fairly and with respect. We understand that children may have different needs because of their:

- Religion or beliefs
- Culture or background
- Gender identity
- Disability
- Health or personal circumstances

If your child needs to wear something different because of any of these reasons, please speak to the school. We are happy to listen and find a solution that works for your child and supports their learning within the boundaries of 'reasonable adjustment'. Any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

We make sure our school uniform is:

- **Fair** – the same basic rules for everyone
- **Flexible** – we can make reasonable changes if needed
- **Affordable** – we keep costs low and offer second-hand uniform

We want all children to feel welcome and confident at school. If you have any questions or worries about uniform, please talk to us. We are here to help.

Our School Uniform Checklist

Moss Park Primary School Uniform
• Red jumper/cardigan with school logo OR plain red jumper/cardigan • White school shirt OR white polo shirt (both with collars) • Grey or black trousers, skirt or tailored shorts • EYFS pupils can wear jogging bottoms for ease of changing • White/grey/black school socks or tights • Black shoes (see footwear box for details) • Optional Red fleece – ordered from school for winter
Moss Park Primary School PE Kit
• White round neck t shirt • Black/navy/grey plain shorts, joggers or leggings (no sports teams identified) • Trainers or pumps • When the weather turns cold, pupils can wear a jumper, cardigan or hoodie over the top
Equipment to bring to school
• One bag or rucksack • Water bottle • Reading book and record every day • Spare clothes in case of accidents (EYFS or any child who may need this occasionally)

School Shoes and Footwear Guidance

- All children must wear plain black shoes to school
- We know there are many types of shoes for boys, including shoes that are a trainer/shoe cross
- If the black shoes or trainers have white or coloured soles or patterns, they are *sports trainers* and they are not allowed for school uniform
- Children should not wear shoes with heels or wedges to school
- Boots like 'Doctor Martens' or knee-high boots are not suitable for school
- Children can wear wellies or boots to come to school in bad weather, but they must change into school shoes inside the building
- In the summer, children can wear plain sandals. Sandals must have straps at the back of the foot. Flip flops or slider sandals are not safe and must not be worn

Jewellery, make up and nail varnish

- Children should not wear makeup to school. This helps keep things suitable for their age.
- We ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. This is for health and safety.
- Rings, necklaces, and bracelets are not allowed.
- If your child has pierced ears, they may wear small, plain stud earrings only. Earrings must be covered with a plaster/tape during PE, or not worn that day. Earrings must be removed before swimming lessons.
- Children can wear watches. Smart watches are only allowed if they are not connected to a phone or internet. Watches must be taken off before PE.
- The school is not responsible if jewellery or watches are lost or broken.
- Nail varnish (nail polish) should not be worn to school.

Hair

- Children's hair should be neat and tidy. No extreme hairstyles or bright colours
- Hair accessories should be small and simple. No big bows, fancy headbands, or large clips
- Long hair must be tied/held back off the face. This is for safety, hygiene, and to help with learning. If hair is not tied back, we will give your child a hair bobble to use at school

Clothing and Items of religious significance

- Head coverings should be plain and in school colours. They should not have pins and should be short. (For example, a hijab should be short enough to tuck into a top for PE and must not restrict movement)
- One religious item, such as a kara, may be worn. It must be taken off or covered with a sweatband during PE for health and safety reasons
- Jewellery or items *not required by faith* should not be worn in school.

What Children Should Bring to School and what not to bring

- ✓ A water bottle - with your child's name or something easy to recognise.
- ✓ Spare clothes for children in Nursery and Reception (EYFS).
- ✓ A school bag that is labelled with your child's name- The bag should be a good size (not too big) because there is not much space in the cloakroom.
- ✓ Medicine must be brought to the school office by an adult - You must also bring the completed medicine form.
- No book bags - These are small and hard to store.
- No pencil cases or stationery - The school gives all children what they need.

If Your Child Is Not Wearing the Correct Uniform

- Most children wear the correct uniform every day.
- Sometimes, a child may not wear the full uniform for a short time.
- If this happens, please tell the school quickly. You can call, email, send a letter, or talk to a teacher.
- We will listen carefully and keep your information private.
- If your child does not follow the uniform rules and we don't hear from you, we will send a polite text reminder.
- If a child wears big or fancy hair accessories or jewellery, they will be asked to take them off and keep them in their bag.
- Children without PE kits cannot do PE lessons for health and safety reasons. They will do PE - related worksheet activities instead.
- We will send you a text if your child needs to bring their PE kit to school.
- If a child often forgets uniform, PE kit, or other items, the Headteacher will invite you to a private meeting.
- We want to help your child and family. Please talk to us if you have any questions or worries.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property cupboard outside the office. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. All unclaimed lost property is put out on display at the end of term in the playground and parents may purchase items for a token donation to school fund.

Please remember to label all your child's items of clothing and footwear. Unfortunately, unnamed property has very little chance of being returned to its rightful owner. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Role of the Headteacher, Staff and Governing Body

- The Headteacher will make sure all children follow the school uniform rules agreed by the school governors.
- The Headteacher is responsible for keeping good behaviour in school, and uniform is part of this.
- All staff will check that children are wearing the correct uniform and tell the Headteacher if there is a problem.
- The Governing Body will listen carefully and respectfully to any concerns from parents or carers about school uniform. They will try to find a fair solution that works for everyone.
- The school follows the official Department for Education (DfE) rules. Children will not be removed or excluded from school for not wearing the uniform

Role of Parents and Carers

- Parents and carers should read and understand the school's uniform policy.
- They should make sure their child wears the correct school uniform every day.
- Uniform should be **clean, in good condition, and labelled with the child's name.**

Review

This policy will be reviewed in July 2027

Signed: Headteacher: *Sally Nunwick*

Chair of Governors: *Allan Humphris*