

Uniform Policy

Meanwood CE Primary School



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1. School Vision and Values

Safeguarding & Inclusion Commitment

Meanwood C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

At Meanwood C of E Primary School we continuously strive to ensure that everyone in our school is treated with respect and dignity. Each person in our school will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential with positive regard to gender, ethnicity, cultural and religious background, faith, sexuality or disability. The school will provide an inclusive environment and curriculum which meets the needs of all its pupils, including those with disabilities, special educational needs (SEND), from all cultural backgrounds and faiths, and pupils with English as an additional language (EAL).

2. Introduction & Purpose

The Governing Body of Meanwood C of E Primary School believes that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success, ethos, and community identity of the school.

Uniform is worn by all pupils from Reception through to Year 6.

Having a shared school uniform is vital to Meanwood C of E Primary School because it:

- Instils a strong sense of pride, identity, and belonging within our school and parish community.
- Supports positive behaviour and high standards across the school day.
- Promotes equality and protects children from social pressures regarding clothing brand choices, background, race, or religion.
- Ensures pupil safety and quick identification during educational visits, off-site activities, and inter-school events.

3. Statutory Guidance on Uniform Cost & Branding Limits

In line with Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, Meanwood C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring our uniform is practical, affordable, and accessible for all families.

Government Guidance Compliance — Maximum of 3 Branded Items

To keep costs low for parents and carers, the school strictly limits required branded logo items to a maximum of 3 items across the entire standard and P.E. uniform:

- **Maroon School Jumper or Cardigan** (with school badge)
- **P.E. Top / School Tracksuit Top** (with school badge)

All other uniform items (trousers, skirts, polo shirts, socks, shorts, jogging bottoms) can be generic, unbranded items purchased from any high street retailer or supermarket. We kindly

ask that non-logo items remain plain and unbranded. Fashion branding, commercial logos, and football tops are strictly not permitted.

4. Standard School Uniform Requirements (Non-P.E. Days)

Standard school uniform must be worn by all pupils on non-P.E. days:

Item	Specification & Guidance	Branding Status
Jumper / Cardigan	Maroon jumper or cardigan with school badge. Available from The Uniform Shop (Meanwood Precinct).	Branded (1 of 3)
Shirts / Tops	White polo shirt, plain white shirt, or blouse.	Generic / Plain
Bottoms	Grey skirt, pinafore dress, grey trousers, or grey shorts.	Generic / Plain
Tights & Socks	Grey tights or grey socks. Tights/socks must be worn; leggings are not permitted on non-P.E. days.	Generic / Plain
Summer Option	Red and white gingham dress or playsuit worn with white socks.	Generic / Plain

Footwear Guidelines (Non-P.E. Days)

Smart black shoes are the preferable form of footwear during non-P.E. days. Trainers are part of the outdoor P.E. kit and should not be worn on non-P.E. days. Shoes must be sensible, comfortable, and safe for school activities and outdoor playtime. Fastenings may be buckles, Velcro, or laces; if lace-up shoes are worn, children must be able to tie their laces independently.

In the interests of health and safety shoes with raised heels, clogs, or mules are strictly not permitted.

5. P.E. Kit & P.E. Day Expectations

P.E. Day Routine: Children should come into school wearing their full P.E. kit on designated P.E. days. This maximizes active physical education time and eliminates changing difficulties for younger pupils.

Item	Specification & Guidance	Branding Status
P.E. Top	School tracksuit top or maroon P.E. top with school badge. https://shops.fabryx.co.uk/collections/meanwood-primary-school	Branded (2 of 3)
P.E. T-Shirt	Plain white t-shirt (strictly plain, no commercial logos or slogans).	Generic / Plain
Bottoms	Navy jogging bottoms or navy leggings. Must be plain without commercial branding or logos.	Generic / Plain
Summer Shorts	Black or navy shorts for warm weather P.E. lessons.	Generic / Plain
Footwear & Socks	Suitable trainers for sports activities and plain white socks.	Generic / Plain

6. Jewellery, Watches & Safety Guidelines

National Guidelines — Strict Zero-Jewellery Rule on P.E. Days

In line with national safety guidelines for Physical Education, we ask that children wear NO JEWELLERY AT ALL on P.E. days. This strictly includes watches, earrings (including stud earrings), necklaces, rings, and bracelets. Parents and carers must ensure all jewellery is removed at home prior to coming to school on P.E. days.

Jewellery & Accessories on Non-P.E. Days

On non-P.E. days, decorative jewellery such as chains, rings, or decorative earrings may not be worn. Plain stud earrings for pierced ears are acceptable. Standard, single-function, non-expensive watches may be worn on non-P.E. days. Children should not wear expensive, multi-function watches or smartwatches that connect to the internet. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged watches.

Hair, Head Coverings & General Appearance

- **Head Coverings:** Children are welcome to wear religious or cultural head coverings in plain school colours (black, navy blue, grey, or white), tied back securely for safety during practical activities.
- **Cosmetics:** Nail polish and temporary tattoos are strictly not acceptable as part of the school uniform.
- **Labelling:** All items of school uniform and footwear must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

7. School Bags & Equipment

To ensure cloakrooms remain safe and uncluttered, pupils are asked to bring:

- **Reception to Year 1:** A standard school reading book bag.
- **Year 2 to Year 6:** A reading book bag or a small, sensible rucksack.

8. Uniform Accessibility & Financial Support

The Governing Body recognizes the importance of ensuring uniform remains affordable for all families. The school provides active support through:

- **Second-Hand Uniform Sales:** Regular second-hand uniform sales are hosted by the school throughout the academic year.
- **PTA Uniform Swaps:** The school advocates and supports regular uniform swapping initiatives facilitated by the PTA, signposted in weekly school newsletters.

9. Compassionate & Discreet Non-Adherence Protocol

The Governing Body insists that school staff are always considerate, discreet, and supportive when addressing uniform non-adherence. We understand that financial hardship, family emergencies, or sensory processing needs can affect uniform availability. The school will work closely and confidentially with parents and carers to find practical, supportive solutions. While the Headteacher retains the authority to discipline pupils for persistent non-compliance, exclusion is never considered an appropriate action unless non-adherence is persistent, defiant, and accompanied by wider behavioral issues.