

Mottram Church of England Primary School



Love



Compassion



Respect



Believe

School Uniform Policy

OVERVIEW

At Mottram Church of England Primary School we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school has high standards and expectations and this is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school
2. To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.
3. To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.
4. To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.
5. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

UNIFORM

Uniform consists of:

- Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirts
- Grey straight-legged trousers or grey tailored shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Black, sensible, low-heeled shoes. Plain black boots should only be worn in inclement weather.
- Plain grey, black or white socks or black or grey tights.
- In the Summer term, blue gingham dresses are optional.

Generic school uniform can be purchased from any number of local stores, such as Tesco, Asda, Marks and Spencer or online or any other local uniform provider. If you wish to purchase uniform with the school logo this is available at Kidstop and Tesco Online.

Pupils in Year 6 are permitted to wear their Leaver's Hoodies once they have been presented to the children.

Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and blue, white or black in colour. Hair styles should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress. Long hair must be tied back, off the face at all times. There should be no extremes of style or colour and no shaved lines or patterns. Hair accessories should be discreet, plain and blue, white or black in colour.

Children will also require a PE kit:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain, white t-shirt
- Trainers
- Plain blue or black sweatshirt/hoodie and plain dark coloured long trousers/tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in winter
- No football kits or logos

Children do not require large school bags. Coats, school bags and PE bags must fit on their peg.

Lunchboxes should be named, stored on the year group lunchbox trolley and taken home every day. Water bottles should be named and they will be kept in the classroom other than when taken outside/to the hall for sports activities.

Children are encouraged to drink water and should not bring other drinks into school, other than a small carton of juice in their lunchbox. Energy drinks and fizzy drinks should not be brought into school.

Nail varnish, false nails, make up and/or jewellery is not acceptable. Children may wear small, plain stud earrings but, for safety reasons, earrings should NOT be worn in PE lessons, during swimming lessons, or during any sporting competitions. Children are encouraged not to wear earrings on days when they are taking part in any of these activities. Alternatively, they should be able to remove their earrings on their own. Taping of earrings is no longer permitted, apart from in the circumstances described below. Children unable to remove earrings for the first six weeks of a new piercing will be required to make them safe by taping them, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection, but must be able to remove them after the six weeks has lapsed, in line with National Guidance. Necklaces, other than those worn on religious or cultural grounds, are not permitted to be worn in school. Children may wear small, discreet watches which must be removed for PE. Please note that

smartwatches that have the capability to take photos or receive messages should not be worn in school. No other items should be worn on a child's wrist.

STRATEGIES

1. Children will be encouraged and reminded to wear the correct uniform as described above.
2. All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
3. Children will be asked to remove jewellery or accessories that do not form part of the uniform. These can be kept securely until the end of the day and then returned to the pupil.
4. School does not take responsibility for lost watches or jewellery.
5. Children will not be excused from PE or swimming without a written request from parents.
6. Any lost property will be stored near the staffroom. Lost property will be emptied on a half-termly basis and the contents sent to charities.

Staff should:

- Set a good example in terms of professional dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- Informal clothes such as jeans, shorts or revealing items are not suitable work attire. The appropriate footwear e.g. trainers, must be worn for all PE lessons for safety reasons. Similarly, tracksuits and sports clothing are recommended for these lessons.
- The Head Teacher will use his/her discretion to advise anyone who is unsure or needs further information regarding his/her code of dress.

Role of the Governing Board:

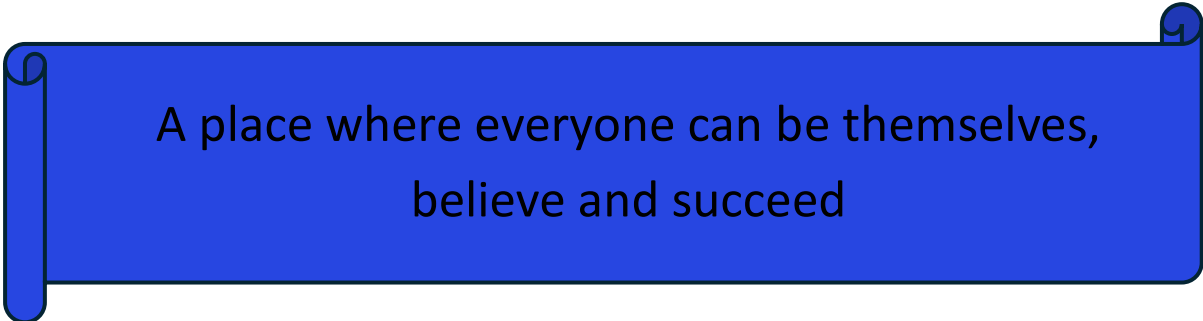
- The Governing Board should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, and should consider fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DFE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians:

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and uphold the high standards of dress and appearance set by the school
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas events or school visits or charity fundraising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Governing Board following the school's complaints' procedure.

Racial Equality & 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 and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Mottram Church of England Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.



A place where everyone can be themselves,
believe and succeed