

‘Every opportunity to educate everyone forever’

Intent

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website.(See Appendix 1)

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- is affordable for parents;
- identifies the children with the 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;
- is designed with health and safety in mind..

Implementation

At Mellers, we expect all pupils to wear school uniform (see appendix one):

- black, grey or navy trousers
- skirt
- tunic or shalwar kameez
- white or blue polo shirt
- navy blue or grey school jumper or cardigan (the Mellers’ logo is optional)
- black shoes.

Mellers’ jumpers and cardigans can be purchased, at cost, from the school office. We make no profit on these items. All other items can be purchased from any retailer; we also have a stock of used, but clean, items that are available at no cost to parents.

PE kits

For PE we expect children to wear:

- black, grey or blue joggers, leggings or shorts
- white T shirt
- trainers

Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One change into their kit in school and children in Key Stage Two can come to school on their PE days, wearing their kit.

We have a stock of spare kit, if children do not have their PE kit with them.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Where the parents insist that they wear objects during PE, the parents must give written consent and acceptance of liability.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, crocs or strappy sandals, which do not protect feet. We do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents, who send their children to our school, to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Impact

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix One

Some school uniform does not have to have the Mellers' logo on it, it can be plain, and can be purchased from any store, supermarket, charity shop or second-hand uniform shop.

School uniform with the logo on can be ordered and paid for at the School Office. We do not make any profit on these orders.

Clothing needs to be named because all uniform is very similar and needs to be identified easily.



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