



## 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.
- Uniform Items are not required to have the school badge on, however must be the correct colour.
- Children should wear plain black shoes (flat or with a very low heel) or smart black trainers to school with socks or grey/red/black tights. Closed toe sandals (not Crocs or similar styles) may be worn in the summer.
- PE kit comprises of black shorts / black jogging bottoms / black leggings for bottoms with normal school uniform white polo shirt and red jumper or cardigan for top. Footwear is trainers (no plimsolls or sand shoes). Football strips, jeans, beachwear, sleeveless tops and brightly patterned clothes are not allowed. N.B. Children will come into school wearing PE kit on their specific PE day.
- 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).
- Nursery and reception pupils require a pair of waterproof bottoms or all in one puddle suit and wellies that remain in school for use as and when required.
- 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

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 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, as stated above, 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.

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 (please ask at the school office) and online here at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/morpeth-first-school>

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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