

## **Monkwood Primary School- Uniform Policy**

#### **Statement**

Monkwood Primary School expects all pupils to wear full school uniform, in the appropriate manner, when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

### **Aims**

To support this policy's statement, it is the aim of the Governing Body to ensure that all items on the School Uniform List are practical, smart, affordable and designed with health and safety in mind.

It is the aim of all staff that pupils are correctly dressed at all times in school or whenever they are representing the school in the wider community.

# **Objectives**

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

School uniform enhances the appearance of our pupils and helps us create a purposeful atmosphere in school.

School uniform assists us in our efforts to create a cohesive, corporate identity amongst our pupils, promoting a sense of pride and belonging to a positive, caring organisation.

School uniform identifies pupils with the school to the wider community.

The School Uniform List (see Appendix 1) will be reviewed annually and published on the website.

#### Guidelines

Considering changes to the school uniform should be done in consultation with staff, pupils and our parent community. The responsibility for the decision on change rests with the governing body.

<u>Jewellery should not be worn in school</u>, except a wristwatch. The exception to this is for pupils with pierced ears, where stud-type earrings may be worn. Pupils may be able to take part in PE wearing small ear studs, which need to be taped before school / by the child (at the discretion of the Sports Coach or Teacher). No facial or body piercings are permitted to be worn in school. Hair that is long enough to be tied back must be at all times especially in PE sessions.

Jewellery and clothing worn as part of religious beliefs also need to meet the standards and if not, will be discussed with families.

Make-up must not be worn and pupils will be asked to remove it. We would also ask that children do not have hair dye or hair colour.

Footwear is important for the development of healthy feet in growing young people. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or without backs and we require a flat, plain black shoe or trainer for everyday wear.

## **Procedures**

All staff in school are expected to help pupils to uphold the school's policy on uniform. Teachers will carry out dress checks at registrations and regularly remind pupils of the uniform list.

Parents/carers experiencing financial or other difficulty in providing the full and correct uniform for their child should contact the School Office. They will deal with the matter discreetly and may be able to indicate sources of assistance.

When pupils arrive at school without the correct uniform (including shoes), we will contact their listed contacts requesting a change in clothes be provided. School is sympathetic to "out of the ordinary" circumstances and will always respond with compassion and discretion. **Children may be provided with a change of clothes where possible.** Pupils who infringe the school's uniform policy will be addressed according to the behaviour management policy.

#### Commitment

The school is committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable and the majority of basic uniform items are readily available from a wide variety of retail outlets. Where items are school-branded, the school will select suppliers based on their commitment to quality and value for money.

Pupils who request not to wear school uniform based on religious, cultural or medical grounds will be dealt with sympathetically.

<u>Parents who choose Monkwood Primary School for their child are agreeing, in effect, to accept the policies of the school.</u> We ask, therefore, for full support from parents in upholding this policy and ensuring that their child comes to school correctly dressed each day.

#### Responsibilities

Ultimate responsibility for this policy's introduction and implementation lies with the Head Teacher in consultation with the Governing Body. It is important to recognise that all staff, pupils and parents/carers have an active part to play in the evolution, development and maintenance of this policy.

### **School Uniform**

All pupils are expected to come to school wearing the correct uniform at all times. Unless specified, uniform must also be worn for educational visits, regardless of the time of day.

Pupils who come to school inappropriately dressed will be dealt with according to the school's Uniform Policy as set by the governing body. The school's uniform policy and a uniform list are issued to all new pupils.

## **Appendix 1: Monkwood Primary School Uniform List**

### **Uniform:**

Plain navy blue sweatshirt, with or without the school logo (<u>not a hoodie</u> - these are for PE only unless it is Y6 leavers, school council etc...)

Plain white polo shirt, which must be worn tucked into waistband

Plain black or grey school trousers (not jogging bottoms, jeans or leggings - these are NOT allowed)

Plain black or grey school skirt or pinafore dress

Plain black or grey tailored shorts (not sports shorts or cycling shorts - these are NOT allowed)

Blue and white checked summer dresses Flat, **plain** black shoes or trainers

No high heels, trainers or any other 'fashion' footwear. <u>Backless shoes or flip-flop styles may not be worn for health and safety reasons.</u>

### **PE Kit**

Plain black shorts (indoor PE or warm days) Plain white t shirt (round neck) Plain black tracksuit bottoms & top - these are for outdoor PE only

Trainers (these must be a different pair from day to day wear)

Plain black sports hoodies (optional) for outdoor PE only.

Please make sure your child has both an indoor kit and an outdoor kit at all times in school. We would suggest children bring their PE kits on a Monday and take them home on Friday.

#### Make up, Jewellery and Hair

Make up, temporary tattoos and false nails should not be worn. For health and safety reasons, no form of facial or body piercings may be worn at school. If earrings are worn, these must (ideally) be removed for PE. If not, we may ask the children to cover their earrings with a plaster (this will only be the case for new piercings). No other jewellery may be worn except a wrist watch.

All hair longer than collar length or long fringes must be tied back for health and safety reasons in the appropriate lessons, eg: Science, Design & Technology and PE.

## **Uniform Suppliers**

In order to assist parents and pupils in complying with the school's uniform policy, we have identified the following recommended suppliers who we feel represent quality and value for money:

Uniform with school logo can be purchased from:

Jonny D's in Rotherham Market

Examples of stores which stock appropriate uniform items are:

Asda Superstore, www.asda.co.uk

Marks & Spencers, <u>www.marksandspencer.com</u>

Tesco www.tesco.co.uk

If further clarification is required on any point in this policy, then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.