

Menston Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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This policy has been written with regard to Department for Education non-statutory guidance on [school uniforms](#) and statutory guidance on the [cost of school uniforms](#).

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- helps to promote excellent standards of behaviour;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is affordable and considered good value for money by most parents.

Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher, who will also send a reminder to parents, and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is clearly labelled on all items.

Our school uniform and P.E. uniform are detailed on our school website [here](#).

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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Where to buy School Uniform

The only branded items included in our school uniform are the school jumper/ cardigan/ P.E. hoodie with our embroidered school logo. It is not a requirement to wear a branded hoodie for P.E. uniform.

School uniform can be purchased from:

PC Sports

67, High Street, Yeadon, Leeds. LS19 7SP

Tel: 0113 2507988

Website: www.pcsports.co.uk

Sue Knowles Embroidery Services (Otley)

34 St Richards Road, Otley, LS21 2AZ

Tel: 07957 771721

Email: susan_knowles@sky.com

[Sue Knowles Order Form](#)

Myclothing Uniform Service

www.myclothing.com

Unbranded items can also be bought from a wide range of supermarkets and high-street retailers.

We encourage our families to donate outgrown uniform that is in excellent condition to our PTA, [Friends of Menston Primary School](#). Parents can then buy high-quality pre-worn uniform items for as little as £1:00 (£2:00 for branded items). Uniform can be donated/ purchased by emailing fompsuniform@gmail.com

School may be able to claim additional funding from the government to support children in school if parents receive any of the following benefits. This is known as Pupil Premium Funding.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that the parents are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal credit – provided they have an annual income of less than £7,400
- If you are an Asylum Seeker, you will need to apply directly to the school or contact the Access team on 01274 439393.

If you qualify for one of the above benefits, you are also entitled to the following benefits from Menston Primary School:

- **£40 per year paid direct to you to assist with the purchase of school uniform**
- Subsidised school visits/visitors
- Subsidised access to school clubs
- Subsidised transport to Year 5 swimming lessons

Please speak to our Parental Involvement Worker, Belinda Smitheringale, in the strictest confidence, if you think this applies to you.

Appendix 1 – Menston Primary School uniform

An excellent standard of uniform supports excellent standards of behaviour.

We have given consideration to comfort and practicality of the uniform and so ask that all children wear uniform as listed [on our school website](#).

All uniform must be clearly named with your child's first and last name - preferably with iron-on or sewn-in name tags. You should check the legibility of your name labels regularly to ensure these are useful. The school deals with lost property on a daily basis and needs families to help reduce the time wasted on trying to find the owners of clothing which is not clearly named.

School Uniform:

- School sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Dark grey/ black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- White cotton short-sleeved polo shirt
- Blue & white checked dress
- Plain dark or white socks or plain dark tights
- Plain black shoes or ankle boots suitable for climbing and outdoor activities

P.E. Uniform:

As children wear their P.E. uniform all day on their P.E. days, it is essential that this uniform is in line with our expectations.

- Plain black shorts (not cycling shorts or hot pants)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy blue hoodie or sweatshirt
- Plain navy blue jogging pants
- Plain dark (navy blue or black) trainers

A pair of Wellington Boots are part of the school uniform for Foundation children and are kept in school. School will provide wellingtons for the rest of the school.

Hair – Hair must be neat and tidy at all times. Hair accessories should be plain, practical and either neutral or in the school colours. No novelty or fashion items.

Jewellery – Watches and one pair of small stud earrings may be worn. Earrings must be removed by the child for PE and swimming. No other jewellery may be worn.

Make up and Cosmetics – Children are not allowed to wear make up to school. Nails should be of a suitable length for school and not decorated.

Please would parents of younger children provide clothes that the child can easily dress / undress themselves in and shoes without laces (unless the child can tie them themselves).

All clothing must be fully named, as we have over 400 children in school, all with similar attire.

Footwear

For the safety of children and to prevent the risk of injury, shoes with a heel, platform soles and flip flops are not allowed due to the danger of tripping whilst running on the playgrounds or on the track. For the same reason we would prefer children not to wear open-toed sandals, but if this is not possible we ask that they wear socks.

Children should not wear shoes that are decorative (e.g. diamantes) have flashing lights, coloured strips or logos, backless sandals or long boots. Comfortable, plain black trainer-style shoes can be worn, as long as these do not contain any decoration. Trainer-style shoes must be smart enough to be classed as school uniform please.