



Thistly Meadow Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

THISTLY MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

At Thistly Meadow Primary School, we believe that school uniform is important because it:

- Looks smart
- Is practical and wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- Gives a common purpose
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Fosters a feeling of pride
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

On a day to day basis, we expect our children to wear the following:

- A white shirt or a white/red polo shirt
- A pair of black or grey trousers/tailored shorts or a black/grey skirt – all shorts and skirts should be of an appropriate length
- A red jumper, fleece or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- A grey school dress or a red and white summer dress
- Black or grey shoes/trainers

At Thistly Meadow Primary School, we do not expect to see:

- Hoodies (when it is not a P.E. day)
- Black jumpers/cardigans
- Any jewellery (except for plain stud earrings or jewellery with religious significance). *This includes **NO** hoop earrings/dangly earrings/necklaces and chains/rings of any description*
- Crocs, sliders or flip flops
- Converse/DM boots or high-top/basketball trainers
- Make-up
- Fake nails
- Fake tan
- Dyed hair
- Friendship bracelets that cannot be removed

Hair accessories, such as slides, hair bands, ribbons, clips and bobbles should be simple and if possible, in the school colours of red and white.

Ordering Uniform

Branded uniform (uniform with the school logo) is optional and can be ordered directly from our suppliers listed on our website. Please allow 2 weeks for delivery and 3 weeks in peak times (during the summer months).

The following items can be ordered from our suppliers with the school logo:

- Red jumpers
- Red cardigans
- Red waterproof coats
- Red fleeces
- White polo shirts

Uniform can be delivered direct to home or to the school.

Book bags and house t-shirts are kept in stock at the school.

There is a small stock of uniform kept at school if you wish your child to try an item on for sizing.

P.E. KIT

At Thistly Meadow Primary School, children are expected to get changed at school for PE.

All children should wear a plain coloured top that represents the team that each child is in. Every child at Thistly Meadow is given their first coloured P.E. top free of charge (either in Foundation Stage or as soon as they join the school in another year group). After this time, blue, red, green and yellow T-shirts can be purchased from the school through Parentmail as the children grow and require bigger sizes. Siblings are always placed in the same team so that P.E. tops can be recycled and worn again by younger siblings within families.

On a P.E. day, we expect our children to be wearing:

- Black, grey, navy blue plain shorts – appropriate length
- Black, grey, navy blue plain leggings
- Plain coloured tops/T-shirts that reflect the child's team – blue, red, green or yellow
- Trainers – any colour, as long as they are comfortable and good for running in
- Sports sweatshirts or hoodies – plain
- Tracksuits/joggers – ideally black, blue or grey

At Thistly Meadow Primary School, we do not expect to see on a P.E. day:

- Converse or high-top basketball trainers
- Vest tops – e.g. basketball vests
- Crop-tops

- Hoodies with inappropriate logos/designs for school e.g. skulls, surfer tops
- Football kits
- Any sports team replica shirts – football, rugby, basketball, cricket etc.
- Nike Pro (or similar) tight fitting black shorts that are far too short for school

Clearly, no jewellery should be worn on a P.E. day (unless ears have been recently pierced and studs need to remain in for several weeks or the jewellery has religious significance). Stud earrings will need to be taped up or taken out for all P.E. lessons, including swimming. Children are expected to do this themselves.

Additional Guidelines

- If your child is wearing shoes with laces, the expectation is that they can do them up themselves or are at least practising regularly at home. Laces are not appropriate in our Foundation Stage unless the child is fully competent at tying them.
- If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform for a specific reason (e.g. an injured foot/ankle means that alternative footwear is needed for a short period of time or your child has grown out of their school shoes two weeks before an extended holiday) then parents should liaise with the pupil's class teacher and agree on a suitable short term measure. The class teacher can then make other staff aware of the circumstances that require a more flexible approach to the school's uniform policy in a particular case.
- In exceptional circumstances, (for example a sensory issue prevents a child from feeling comfortable in certain, specific clothing) – the parents and class teacher will come to a more flexible longer term agreement, which is understood, recognised and acknowledged by parents and the school working in partnership together to agree on an acceptable way forward.

Following up a clear breach of the school uniform policy

1. The class teacher will initially talk to the pupil, who will then hopefully change what they are wearing during the course of that week. However, in our Foundation Stage, the class teacher will speak straight away with parents, due to the age of the children.
2. Before phoning parents, class teachers will need to talk to the pupil on more than one occasion in the hope that correct uniform/P.E. kit duly follows.
3. If a pupil is persistently not complying with the uniform policy, the class teacher will contact parents – on more than one occasion if necessary, to make the school expectations very clear and to find a positive resolution.
4. If a pupil and their parents do not comply, even after the class teacher has made contact – the phase leader will contact parents and discuss, hopefully finding a positive resolution.

5. If, even after contact has been made with parents by the class teacher and phase leader, a pupil is consistently breaching the uniform policy/school code of conduct, a formal letter will be sent to parents from the school.
6. Pupils who consistently breach the uniform policy may not represent the school at musical, sporting, enrichment events and also may not be allowed to attend school trips/residentials – where the children are representing the school in public spaces.
7. In exceptional circumstances, a member of SLT will contact parents about school uniform/P.E. kit in order to discuss the way forward and in the hope of seeking a clear resolution without the need for potential sanctions.

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