



Uniform and Presentation Policy

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Introduction and Aims

At Merton Junior School, we take pride in our school identity. We ask that all pupils attend appropriately dressed so they can develop a positive attitude toward school as a cohesive community and a place of learning.

We aim to ensure our uniform is practical, comfortable, inclusive, and affordable for all families.

School Uniform Guidelines

Pupils may choose from the following uniform options:

- Bottoms: Grey or black knee-length skirt, pinafore dress, culottes, trousers, or smart shorts.
- Tops: White polo shirt or white collared shirt (plain or embroidered with the school logo).
- Layering: Royal blue school jumper, cardigan, or fleece (plain or embroidered with the school logo).
- Summer Wear: Blue-checked summer dress or grey/black smart shorts.

- **Footwear:** Plain, dark-coloured, supportive school shoes (black or navy preferred; no high heels, open toes, or bright logos).
- **Outerwear:** Fleeces and reversible weather-proof jackets are available from our supplier, Skoolkit, though any warm, weather-appropriate coat is welcome.

Physical Education (PE) Kit

On days when pupils have PE, they should arrive at school dressed in their PE kit rather than changing on site.

- **T-Shirt:** Plain white t-shirt.
- **Bottoms:** Dark shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh/two inches above the knee).
- **Cold Weather Wear:** Plain, dark jogging bottoms and a dark jumper/tracksuit jacket. Pupils will participate in outdoor PE whenever weather permits.
- **Footwear:** Plimsolls (for indoor PE only) or supportive trainers.

Bags and Equipment

Book Bags & Small Rucksacks: While a standard school book bag (available from Skoolkit) is ideal for carrying reading books and letters, we recognise that many children prefer using a small rucksack.

Sizing Guidance: To help keep our cloakrooms tidy and safe, please ensure any rucksack brought to school is compact and fits easily onto a standard cloakroom peg. Large, oversized bags are not required unless specifically requested for a school trip or extra-curricular club.

Jewellery, Watches, and Personal Belongings

- **Jewellery:** For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn to school. If a child has pierced ears, they must wear small, plain studs only. Children must be able to remove their own earrings for PE or cover them with tape provided from home.
- **Medical Identifiers:** If your child needs to wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace, please inform the school office and class teacher.
- **Watches:** Standard wristwatches may be worn. Smartwatches (any device capable of taking photos, making calls, sending messages, or accessing the internet) are strictly prohibited.
- **Personal Belongings & Toys:** Toys, personal items, and sensory tools must not be brought to school unless explicitly agreed upon with the class teacher or SENDCo. Where a child requires a "transition object" during times of difficulty, this should be arranged with the class teacher, who will provide a safe place to store it.

Note: The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal items or jewellery brought onto the premises.

Hair, Headwear, and Cosmetics

- **Hair:**
 - Hair should be kept in a natural hair tone. Unnatural, vibrant hair colours (such as neon or bright artificial dyes) or visible patches of temporary colour are not allowed.
 - Hair extensions, braids, and accessories should match natural hair shades.
 - Shaved logos, lines, or decorative patterns cut into the hair are not permitted.
 - We celebrate diversity and recognise that hair styles or hair lengths may vary for religious or cultural reasons.
- **Religious and Cultural Headwear:** The school welcomes diversity and fully supports pupils who wear headgear or adapt their attire for religious or cultural reasons (e.g., Hijabs, Turbans). We ask that headwear, where possible, aligns with school colours (blue, black, grey, or white).
- **Make-up and Nail Varnish:** Make-up, coloured lip balms, glitter, and nail varnish are not permitted.
- **Lip Balm:** If a child suffers from severely chapped lips, one plain, uncoloured, named lip balm may be brought in and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

Smartphones are no longer be permitted on school grounds under any circumstances. Year 6 pupils who require a phone for their journey to and from school will only be permitted to bring a basic feature/brick phone (no internet access, camera capabilities, or app support), which must still be handed to the class teacher during the school day.