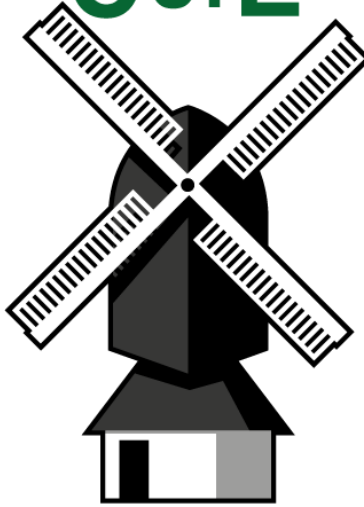


**MOUNTNESSING**  
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**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **School Uniform Policy**

**Autumn 2022**

Unlocking Every Child's Potential as a unique child  
of God

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## **1. Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. We also have second hand uniform available at school for a very small donation. This policy includes a complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education.

## **2. 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;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

We believe that no school uniform should be so expensive that it leaves pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice due to the cost of the uniform.

We keep the use of branded items to a minimum, meaning parents should be able to buy most uniform items from a wide range of shops. Branding is always optional for our parents/carers.

## **3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small and plain, preferably in green or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers/bows etc attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

## **4. Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes for school and plain trainers without logos for PE as stated in the uniform list.

If your child does not wear appropriate black school shoes they will be provided with a pair of black plimsolls to wear during school time.

## **5. The Role of Parents/ Carers**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing

non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our second hand store to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

## **6. 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.

## **7. Monitoring and Review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

## **8. School Uniform List**

Our school uniform colour is a combination of green and grey. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a \* below, can have the school logo on, these are sold by the school supplier. The logo is optional. Please speak to our office staff to browse our second hand uniform.

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or green and white checked dresses/culottes
- White shirt/blouse KS2
- White polo top KS1 and EYFS
- School tie (KS2 only)
- Green sweatshirt\* or cardigan\*, either plain or with the Mountnessing logo
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. Leggings should not be worn.

School shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Children must have smart school shoes and suitable trainers for PE days.

## **9. P.E. Kit**

We allow the children to wear their PE kit to school all day on PE days. Your child's teacher will advise you of the PE days

### **All children wear:**

- green shorts
- green T-shirt \*, either plain or with the Mountnessing logo

- a pair of plimsolls or trainers (trainers are most suitable for outdoor PE)
- black jogging bottoms and a black hoodie for outdoor lessons in cold weather\*, either plain or with the Mountnessing logo

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed. If your child does have earrings in on a PE day and cannot remove them on their own, they will not take part. You will be sent a polite letter to advise you of this.

All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.