



Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School

Policy for School Colour Code And Appearance

This Policy has 'Safeguarding Children and Child Protection', 'Every Child Matters', 'Excellence and Enjoyment', the school's 'Healthy School', the 'Artsmark Gold' ethos and the school's Mission Statement and Aims at its heart.

STATEMENT OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

At Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School, our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are our pupils. This means that we have a Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy and Procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff including our volunteers and supply staff must ensure that they are aware of our procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read these on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will always ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the child's best interests.

Our Designated Child Protection Officers are:

Mr Steve Wheelerton
Miss Vicky Oliver

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School Code and Appearance Policy

Our School Colour Code is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

At Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School, we believe that a school colour code (uniform) is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- Reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

All children should wear the colour code and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The colour code has been chosen after extensive consultation. It reflects the needs of the cultural traditions represented at Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School. It is readily available and inexpensive.

Disability Equality

At Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School, we are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our pupils whatever their needs or abilities. Pupils have Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. Pupils with a disability have special educational needs if they have any difficulty in accessing education and if they need any special educational provision to be made for them, which is anything that is additional to or different from what is normally available in schools in the area.

At Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School, we undertake the duties, including in relation to **this policy**:

- Not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason which relates to their disability
- To take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage
- To do our best by all disabled members of our school community in relation to the requirements of this particular policy

Gender Equality

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Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School fully recognises its duty to comply with equality and diversity legislation, and its Gender Equality Scheme sets out the school's aims in relation to equality and what it will do to ensure that equality is fully embedded in practice. The school fully acknowledges its responsibilities in terms of equality issues in relation to gender, age, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment, including in relation to **this policy**. Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School is firmly committed to equality and diversity, and when carrying out our functions, we shall have due regard to the need: to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment; to promote equality of opportunity between men and women.

Our School Colour Code

Code

Grey or black trousers, **grey or black** pinafore dress or skirt or **blue and white** checked-style summer dress. A blue Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School sweatshirt, with embroidered school logo, is available from the school along with **blue** or white polo shirts

Outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Smart, Shower proof, jacket-style coats, with embroidered school logo, are available from the school if parents wish to purchase them. These are especially useful when it is cold at playtimes and during outdoor PE lessons.

Footwear

Low-heeled black shoes suitable for active play. **Plain green, black, grey or white** socks or tights. As we experience significant amounts of rainfall and snow during the course of the year children are encouraged the wear wellington boots and then change into indoor shoes for the remainder of the day.

P.E. and Games Kit

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only. Uniform may vary depending on the age of the children, the type of P.E. (i.e. Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics) and where the lesson takes place, for example on the school field, in the playground or in the Village Hall. Footwear and clothing should reflect the level of activity: for example, Year 6 would need the full kit, whereas Reception Class children may just need plimsolls. Boys and girls wear blue or black shorts, a plain white or blue t-shirt and black plimsolls. In the event of cold or wet weather children are encouraged to wear a 'warm top' – this may be a sweat shirt or tracksuit top. All kit should be kept in a named drawstring shoe bag. The kit should be kept in school and taken home at weekends and the end of term to be washed. All items of PE clothing should be identified

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with the child's name. Parents should label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

Fashion Items/Other

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings of any kind. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity. Children come to school to learn. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel, jewellery other than stud earrings and watches, should not be worn. Appropriate 'legionnaire' style sunhats should be worn outside during sunny weather, rather than bandanas. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly. We discourage 'tram line', 'Mohican' or similar type hairstyles/haircuts for all the reasons stated previously.

This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Head teacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform/Appearance Policy. Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the Uniform/Appearance Policy are 'persistent and defiant'. The Head teacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may ask a pupil to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance. In such a case, parents will be notified and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.

Further Information

Important Resource

DCSF www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/atoz/u/uniform