



**Meadowdale
Academy**

Uniform Policy

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**North East
Learning Trust**

Review history

| Review Date | Reviewer | Approved by | Date approved | Implementation |
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Recent revisions

| Issue No. | Date | Revisions made |
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| 3 | September 2023 | Removal of Rising 3's category Updated jewellery, hair and accessories |
| 4 | March 2024 | Updated uniform items from September 2024 Updated information on compulsory and optional items Updated information regarding swimming lessons |
| 5 | September 2025 | Updated to include reference to religious head coverings |

1. Introduction

Meadowdale Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust and the uniform policy supports the high standards of the Trust and the Academy. At Meadowdale Academy we believe that a school uniform plays an important role in creating a focused and respectful learning environment. Our uniform policy is designed to promote equality, reduce distractions, and instil a sense of pride and belonging among pupils. By wearing the correct uniform, pupils represent not only themselves but also the values and community of our school. This policy outlines the expectations for pupil dress and appearance, ensuring consistency and clarity for all members of the school community.

2. Aims

We believe that a clearly defined Academy uniform is important because it:

- **Promotes Equality**
To create a sense of fairness and reduce peer pressure by minimising visible economic and social differences among pupils.
- **Encourages a Sense of Belonging**
To help pupils feel part of the school community and take pride in representing their school.
- **Supports a Focused Learning Environment**
To reduce distractions and support a professional atmosphere that is conducive to learning and achievement.
- **Enhances Safety and Security**
To ensure pupils are easily identifiable as members of the school, both on-site and during off-site activities, improving overall safety.
- **Fosters Discipline and Responsibility**
To encourage pupils to take responsibility for their appearance and to understand the importance of following guidelines and expectations.
- **Prepares Students for the Future**
To help pupils develop habits of personal presentation that are important in many workplaces and formal environments.

3. School uniform

The school uniform requirements are outlined in the table below, along with details regarding which items are optional and which need to be branded.

General uniform

| ITEM | REQUIRED/OPTIONAL | INFORMATION |
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| Navy blue V-neck jumper with light blue trim with or without school logo. | Required | Branded and purchased through the uniform supplier or any high street retailer. |
| Shirt | Required | White collared shirt with top button. This must be smartly tucked in. Note: Shirts can be purchased from any high-street retailer. |
| Navy and blue tie | Required | Available as clip-on or elasticated neck through our uniform supplier. |
| Trousers | Required | Plain grey straight leg school trousers. Please note, leggings are not permitted as part of school uniform and can only be worn on P.E. days. |

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| Skirt/Pinafore | Required | Plain grey, knee-length. |
| Dress/Shorts | Optional | A blue and white gingham dress or grey shorts may be worn in the summer term. |
| Socks/Tights | Required | Socks must be black with trousers and white, knee-length with skirt or pinafore. Tights must be plain grey. Note: Can be purchased from any high-street retailer. |
| Shoes | Required | Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes, no coloured soles or logos. |

Outerwear

| ITEM | REQUIRED/OPTIONAL | INFORMATION |
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| Outside Coats | | Outside coats must be removed when entering the school building. Note: Can be purchased from any high-street retailer. |
| Meadowdale Academy Zip Fleece/waterproof jacket | Optional | Only available from the uniform supplier. |
| Meadowdale navy blue beanie hat with Meadowdale logo | Optional | Only available from the uniform supplier. |
| Caps | | Caps are not to be worn on academy premises. |
| Blue Book bag with Meadowdale logo | Optional | Only available through the uniform supplier |
| Wellies and boots | Optional | Note: Wellies and outdoor boots can be worn to travel to school in wetter weather, but children need to change into their school shoes on arrival. Children are required to bring wellies for Forest School sessions. |

PE Kit

| ITEM | REQUIRED/OPTIONAL | INFORMATION |
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| PE kit should be worn on the day your child has PE. This reduces time spent getting changed in lesson time and ensures safety. | | |

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| Plain white t-shirt or blue and white Meadowdale Sports t-shirt | Required | Note: T-shirts can be purchased from the uniform supplier or any high-street retailer. |
| Bottoms | Required | Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Note: It is required for students to have at least one of these items. |
| Hoodie | Required | Royal blue hoodie with or without Meadowdale logo. Note: Available from the uniform supplier or any high street retailer. |
| Meadowdale Academy Gym Bag/Small Drawstring Bag | Optional | |
| Pupils attending swimming lessons with school should come to school in their Meadowdale PE kit. Pupils must wear swimming shorts, a one-piece swimming costume or a shorts wetsuit; bikinis are not permitted. Children may wear a lightweight t-shirt over their swim wear if they wish. | | |

PE Footwear

| ITEM | REQUIRED/OPTIONAL | INFORMATION |
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| Trainers | Required | |
| Studded Boots | Optional | Note: Students can wear studded boots when participating in football matches. |
| Plimsolls, Converse, or canvas type shoes | | Note: Not suitable footwear. |

Nursery

Children have the option to wear a navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo shirt and grey trousers or knee-length skirt. Items can be purchased with or without the school badge.

- indoor black shoes
- wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime (required daily for outdoor learning)
- warm, waterproof coat (required daily for outdoor learning)

General Appearance

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| Hair/Headwear | Long hair should be tied back. Hairbands and bobbles should be plain black or purple, extreme hair accessories are not permitted. Hair dye and coloured streaks are not permitted. No shaven hair designs. Religious head coverings are permitted and can be purchased from Emblematic. |
| Jewellery | Only one stud earring in each ear lobe and a watch are permitted. No other jewellery is permitted, including nose piercings. Watches and earrings must be removed for PE lessons – this is the responsibility of parents/carers to remove these before school if pupils are unable to remove them themselves. |
| Make-Up/Nails | Nail varnish and nails extension are not permitted in school. Make up is not allowed. |

The Academy reserves the right to make the final decision on what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

Pre-Loved School Uniform

In an effort to ensure affordability and ease the financial pressures involved in purchasing uniform for our parents/guardians and their families, we have established a 'Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop'. This is also a means of reducing the amount of clothing that is wasted and sent to landfill, thus protecting the environment, and reducing our carbon footprint. Parents/carers should contact the school office for further information.

The following items of uniform can be donated to the academy:

| General Uniform | PE |
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| School Skirts | PE Top |
| School Trousers | PE Bottoms |
| School Shorts | |
| White shirts (long or short sleeved) | |
| Black school shoes – good condition, male and female | |
| School Tie | |

Uniform can be ordered through our uniform supplier's website:

<https://emblematic.co.uk/bedlington-store/meadowdale-academy/> or by contacting them via telephone on 01670 820262.

4. Role of the Local Academy Council

The Local Academy Council will determine, monitor, and review the Uniform Policy and provide support and guidance to the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented and adhered to.

5. Role of the Headteacher

- To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy.
- To enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- Speak with parents/carers of pupils who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- Follow DfE guidelines where a pupil fails to comply with the Uniform Policy.

6. Role of staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to pupils who do not wear correct uniform and if this persists the matter will be referred to the Headteacher.

7. Role of the parents/carers

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy and come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non- uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

8. Breaches of the uniform policy

Pupils are expected to wear school uniform unless there is a justified reason, they are unable to. Parents/carers must inform the school in writing, clearly stating the reasons, should their child be unable to wear any aspect of the uniform.

The Headteacher will decide what action to take should a pupil's appearance be judged not to comply with the Uniform Policy. If a pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to wear a spare school uniform for the rest of day or remove anything which does not comply with the Uniform Policy.

Dissemination of the Policy

This policy is available on the school website, on request to parents/guardians, the Local Authority and Ofsted.

Other policies that have relevance are:

- Admissions and Appeals
- Equality Policy
- Health and Safety
- Complaints Policy
- Behaviour Policy