



Meadowdale
Academy

Uniform Policy

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North East
Learning Trust

Review history

Review Date	Reviewer	Approved by	Date approved	Implementation
December 2022	Headteacher	Executive Headteacher	December 2022	June 2023
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Recent revisions

Issue No.	Date	Revisions made
1	December 2022	New NELT policy
2	June 2023	Update regarding jewellery
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

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 as well as ensuring a strong sense of identity amongst our pupils. Our pupils wear their uniform with pride and working with the School Council has ensured that the uniform is comfortable, practical, smart, and as low-cost as possible. The Trust and the Academy ask that all parents/carers and pupils adhere to the policy.

2. Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the Academy
- is not distracting in class
- makes children feel equal in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and diversity that the Academy takes pride in

3. School uniform

Reception to Year 6

- navy blue v-neck jumper with light blue trim with or without school badge (required, generic)
- short or long sleeved plain white shirt (required, generic)
- navy and blue tie - available as clip on or with an elasticated neck (required, generic)
- plain grey trousers/formal shorts, knee-length skirt or pinafore (required, generic)
- blue and white gingham summer dress (required, generic)
- 100% plain black school shoes/trainers (required, generic)
- grey tights (required, generic)
- white socks with knee-length skirt, pinafore or dress (required, generic)
- black socks with trousers (required, generic)

Pupils must wear the required uniform. Please note, leggings are not permitted as part of school uniform and can only be worn on P.E. days. Pupils must also wear appropriate footwear, this must be black with no colored soles or logos.

During Forest School sessions, pupils will be required to bring a pair of wellies into school.

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)

PE kit

PE kit should be worn on the day your child has PE. This reduces time spent getting changed in lesson time and ensures safety.

- royal blue hoodie with or without Meadowdale school badge (required, generic)
- plain white t-shirt; or blue and white Meadowdale sports t-shirt (required, generic)
- plain black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings (required, generic)
- 100% black trainers for indoor and outdoor sessions; black sandshoes maybe be worn for indoor sessions only (required, generic)

Pupils attending swimming lessons with school should come to school in their Meadowdale PE kit. Pupils must wear a 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.

Watches and earrings **must** be removed for all PE lessons (including swimming lessons) – this is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure these are removed before school.

Optional items

- navy blue waterproof coat with Meadowdale logo
- navy blue beanie hat with Meadowdale logo
- blue book bag with Meadowdale logo

All items should be labelled with your child's forename and surname to ensure they can be returned to their owner if misplaced.

Jewellery, headwear, and accessories

On health and safety grounds, we only allow pupils to wear:

- Jewellery – only one stud earring in each ear lobe and a watch are permitted (no other jewellery is permitted, including nose piercings)
- Hair, longer than shoulder length, must be tied back
- Hair dye and coloured streaks are not permitted

- Extreme hair accessories are not permitted e.g. oversized bobbles/bows
- No shaven hair designs
- No nail varnish/gel or nail extensions
- Make up is not permitted

Watches and earrings must be removed for PE lessons (including swimming lessons) – this is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure these are removed before school if pupils are unable to remove themselves.

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.

The Academy has available pre-loved uniform items which are available to parents/carers. Due to the implementation of a new school uniform, the shop will take some time to set up with new pieces. In the meantime, Hope Church Bedlington has pre-loved uniform items from our previous uniform, which may be worn during the academic year 24-25. Please contact Hope Church on 01670 828668.

Please donate any pre-loved items to the Academy. Parents/carers should contact the school office for further information.

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.