



**Meadowdale
Academy**

Uniform Policy

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Date of next review: January 2025



North East
Learning Trust

Review history

Review Date	Reviewer	Approved by	Date approved	Implementation
June 2023	Headteacher	Executive Headteacher	June 2023	June 2023
January 2025				

Recent revisions

Issue No.	Date	Revisions made
2	June 2023	Update regarding jewellery
3	January 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 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

Rising Threes and pre-school children

- a blue sweatshirt/cardigan (required, generic)
- white t-shirt (required, generic)
- grey/black trousers or skirt (required, generic)

- Indoor black shoes (required, generic)
- Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime (required, generic)
- Warm, waterproof coat (required, generic)

Reception to Year 4

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school badge (required, generic)
- Blue polo shirt with or without badge (required, generic)
- Grey/ black trousers or skirt (required, generic)
- Grey pinafore (required, generic)
- Blue and white gingham summer dress (required, generic)
- Indoor black shoes (required, generic)
- Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime (required, generic)
- Warm, waterproof coat (required, generic)

Year 5 - 6 pupils

- Blue shirt (required, generic)
- Meadowdale tie (required, only available from the uniform supplier)
- V-necked sweatshirt or cardigan (required, generic)
- grey/black trousers or skirt (required, generic)
- Indoor black shoes (required, generic)
- Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime (required, generic)

PE kit

- Blue hoodie with or without Meadowdale school badge (required, generic)
- White polo t-shirt or blue and white Meadowdale t-shirt (required, generic)
- Blue logo or plain jogging bottoms or blue shorts (required, generic)
- Trainers (optional for Reception) (required, generic)

Please can everything be labelled first and second name to ensure that items that are misplaced are returned to their owner

Uniform can be ordered through the website <https://emblematic.co.uk/bedlington-store/>

The Academy has available pre-loved uniforms which are available to parents/carers. Parents/carers should contact the school office for further information.

4. 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)
- Long hair should be tied back
- Hairbands and bobbles should be plain black or purple

- Hair dye and coloured streaks are not permitted
- No shaven hair designs
- No nail varnish or nail extensions
- Make up is not allowed Watches and earrings must be removed for PE lessons – this is the responsibility of parents to remove these before school.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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