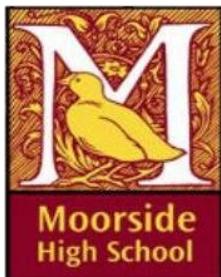




# Moorside High School

## Uniform Policy

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## Overview

We have a school uniform policy which is publicised regularly both to students and parents/carers and which we expect all students and parents / carers to support. Our policy is designed to reflect the need for a standard of dress which is smart and reflects a clear identity for Moorside High School.

### The reasons for having this policy are that:

- School uniform is an effective way of preventing the differentiation between and discrimination against children from advantaged or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, unity and a feeling of belonging to Moorside High School.
- School uniform helps young people to accept that there are appropriate standards of appearance for certain circumstances. We want our young people to look smart as an outward indication of a positive attitude generally.
- School uniform helps students to leave outside influences behind, focus on schoolwork and concentrate on learning.

### School responsibility:

To ensure that all students are aware of the school uniform requirements and to implement these by the monitoring of student appearance and follow-up of infringements. We will confiscate any items (e.g. jewellery/non-uniform) that contravene the uniform policy and students will be able to collect them from student reception.

### Student responsibility:

To make sure that your appearance is in line with school rules regarding the wearing of uniform and the guidelines on hair, jewellery & piercings, make-up and nails. Inform a member of staff immediately if you have an issue with your uniform, e.g. item rips during the school day, and they will seek to help.

### Parent / carer responsibility:

We look to parents / carers to support our uniform code fully by ensuring that your child is dressed suitably each day and by supporting us should we need to sanction your child for breaking the rules. To ensure that your child leaves for school each day correctly dressed, without extremes of hairstyle or colour; wearing jewellery beyond that stated in the school policy; wearing excessive make-up or fake tan; inappropriate nails. We may ask you to bring an item of uniform to school if we are unable to lend your child a spare item for that day. Inform the school immediately if there is an issue with an item of your child's uniform or you are finding it difficult to

replace an item. Piercings should be done at the start of the summer break, to allow sufficient time to heal, so that they can be removed in September.

As students get older, they invariably try to add their own 'style' to their uniforms and it can be, at times, difficult to keep variations of uniform in check – particularly as fashion trends change. It is for this reason that we have tried to be as clear as possible with our guidelines.

It is worth noting that if you buy a skirt, a pair of trousers or a pair of shoes and you are concerned as to its suitability, we are more than willing to check it for you in school. All you or your child need to do is bring it in, with the tags still attached, and we will look at it for you.

**We enforce all our uniform guidelines firmly but fairly – if students are not wearing the correct uniform, they will not be able to participate in lessons with their peers and will be educated in our Reset facility until uniform is corrected. Furthermore, if students wear the incorrect uniform such as hoodies and jewellery this will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. This will also be the case for incorrect usage of mobile phones.**

**If a student refuses to do this, further sanctions will follow, and we will ask parents / carers to come and collect the confiscated item.**

**The school does not take responsibility for any items that are not listed as acceptable in the uniform policy.**

**If a student wishes to lend uniform, they must follow the swap shop guidance. Students will go to the swap shop trade in a mobile phone/valuable and in exchange receive the uniform they require. The phone/valuable will be stored away safely during the day and can be collected when the item of uniform is returned at the end of the day.**

If it is that a student is unable to meet our uniform expectations detailed within this policy for any exceptional circumstances, please contact the school to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

## Appearance

### Hair

We will not accept extreme hairstyles which tend to be in fashion as trends change. It is difficult to be prescriptive about this, but it is worth noting that the following styles are not acceptable:

- Tram lines or patterns in the hair.
- An all over grade 1 haircut.
- Coloured streaks or shadings in unnatural colours such as reds, pinks, greens, purples, blues etc.
- Decorative inserts such as feathers or tinsel etc.
- Hair must be secured with a plain coloured bobble.

### Hair styles that are not acceptable:



## Jewellery & Piercings

The only jewellery allowed to be worn in school is a watch and one pair of stud earrings (one in each lobe). No facial piercings of any sort (nose, eyebrow, lip, chin, tongue etc.) It is not acceptable to wear clear studs or a plaster over the piercing.

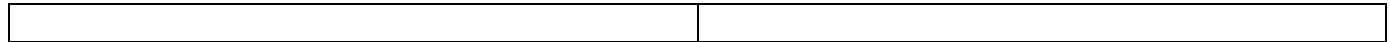
## Nails

Only clear nail varnish may be worn in school. No gel, false, acrylic or excessively long nails.

## Makeup

Moorside High School have agreed to a one-year trial where natural/subtle make up may be worn to school. Moorside High School will have the final decision of whether make up is not natural/subtle and can ask students to remove it where necessary.

Allowed	Not Allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Light Foundation</li><li>• Cover Up</li><li>• Mascara – Natural Lash Length</li><li>• Eyebrows – Natural shape and colour</li><li>• Lip Balm – No Colour</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thick Foundation</li><li>• Contouring</li><li>• Bronzer / Blusher</li><li>• Highlighter</li><li>• Bright colours</li><li>• False Lashes</li><li>• Eyebrow liners or gels</li><li>• Eyeliner</li><li>• Lipstick, liner or gloss</li></ul> 



## The uniform consists of:

- A Black Blazer branded with the Moorside logo
- A grey, V-neck jumper. (optional)
- A plain white shirt/blouse
- A clip-on school tie (Red and gold Y7-Y10, Blue, red and grey Y11)
- Plain black trousers\* or plain black knee length drop down pleated skirt
- Tailored knee-length black shorts can be worn with plain black socks.
- Shoes – must be plain black leather style (trainers, canvas-style and ballet/dolly pumps are not permitted)

Trousers and shorts must be smart school-style only. Trousers must not be skin tight below the knee, hipster style or legging style. Material must not be cord, denim, stretch legging style or canvas/jean-style cotton and should not contain cargo pockets or logo labels.

Skirts must be a drop-down waist and pleated skirt. No elasticated skirts, skater skirt, fitted skirt with a slit in the back, patches or pockets on skirts or jersey material. Skirts are to be worn no shorter than one inch above the knee and not rolled up at the waist.

Students that wear skirts must wear either plain black tights or plain black ankle socks. Only students that wear knee length pleated skirts have the option to wear black ankle socks.



## Shoes

Shoes must be plain black or leather look school or office style. Boots, trainers and canvas pumps of any kind are not permitted. Shoes must not be canvas, suede, contain coloured flashes, logos or trainer design.





## Coats

Coats are to be single colour and plain without patterns or slogans. Tracksuit tops, hoodies, denim and leather coats are not permitted.

Coat designs that are permitted:



Coat designs that are NOT permitted:



## **Summer Uniform**

During periods of extreme hot weather, the school will make amendments to the uniform policy, this will either be the removal of blazer and tie or for students to attending their PE kit. The decision will be at the discretion of the school.

## **Coming to School Ready for Learning**

We encourage students to pack their bag the night before.

Equipment checks are made regularly, and all students should be ready for learning with:

## **Necessary Nine**

1. Black/Blue Pen
2. Pencil
3. Highlighter
4. Rubber
5. Ruler
6. Calculator
7. Green Pen
8. Reading book
9. Smart card

\*Year 7 will also need laptop at least 85% charged and earphones/buds.

## **Mobile Phone Usage**

Please refer to the mobile phone policy.

## **PE Kit Policy**

Students can wear any combination of the following for PE lessons;

Red Moorside PE T-shirt with embroidered school logo  
Black Moorside PE jumper with embroidered school logo  
Black / Red shorts  
Black / Red leggings  
Black / Red Tracksuit bottoms  
Red Football socks

As an affordable alternative, students are allowed to wear plain black shorts / sports leggings or tracksuit bottoms. These must not have any logos or writing visible. These will be agreed at the discretion of the PE staff.

All jewellery must be removed.

All long hair must be tied up.

Tights must not be worn underneath shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms for hygiene reasons. Cycling shorts or "Nike pro shorts" are not allowed.

Additional required items: Students will require shin pads and mouth guards to take part in contact sports such as football and rugby.

Trainers: Students will require sports trainers with a flat sole and good ankle support. Fashion trainers such as high-top converse do not offer the correct support for running and changing direction. Astro turf trainers are acceptable.

Students may wear football boots when taking part in lessons on the grass or 3G astro turf pitch, however these are not compulsory.

Cold weather: Students may wear base layers underneath their PE kit, for example a long-sleeved black top. Hats and gloves (preferably with rubber grips on the palm) are allowed for outdoor lessons. Students are allowed to wear a plain black waterproof coat at the discretion of PE staff during poor weather.

Warm weather: Students may wear sun hats / caps and are advised to bring sun cream and additional drinks.

Changing room expectations: PE staff will be in and out of changing rooms during changing time to complete registers and ensure student safety. It is the students' responsibility to ensure any valuable items are given to their PE teacher to be locked in the PE office. Students should be changed and ready for the lesson within a maximum of 10 minutes.

Excused from PE: It is our and the government expectation that all students take part regularly in PE. We would still expect students to bring their PE kit and give the lesson a go if they were feeling slightly unwell, the student must communicate this to staff at the start of the lesson so we can keep an eye on them. However, if a student is too unwell or injured to take part in PE, they must bring either a signed note from home or the parent should email the PE teacher directly

explaining why the student is excused and for how long. Any illness or injury that lasts longer than 2 weeks will require a doctor's note.

Students that are excused from PE will be given another role within the lesson such as referee or coach. Therefore, it is advisable that they still bring their PE kit so in case of poor weather, the student is not outside in their school uniform.



**All school uniform can be purchased from Just F Kids.**

**48 Washerwall Lane, Werrington, ST9 0JU**

**01782 302904**

**Uniform can also be brought from another supplier.**