

School Uniform Policy

School uniform is an essential part of life here at Milecastle as it not only provides a sense of belonging, but also one of unity and inclusion. It creates a sense of pride in their school for the children and allows them to feel part of the school community where everyone is treated equally.

Milecastle has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. Please note uniform **does not have to display the school logo**.

We require all children to wear full school uniform, including appropriate footwear, in accordance with our uniform code below:

Our Uniform Code

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan.
- White polo shirt .
- Black or dark grey trousers or skirt (shorts or a red checked dress may also be worn in the summer).
- Black shoes (**NOT TRAINERS**) – if you do not have the correct footwear, school sandshoes will be provided for the day.
- Children are **only permitted to bring a book bag** to school each day to transport reading books and letters in their bags. **This should be plain red or black and can have a shoulder strap if required.** Larger bags such as back packs or other bags **are not permitted** as we do not have the space to store them. Please **do not** attach items to the book bag as this makes storage very difficult.
- Children **do not** need their own pencil case as all equipment is provided. These extra items often obstruct the learning space on tables and don't always fit in drawers. Pencil cases which come into school **will be sent home**.

Accessories

- Nail varnish and make-up are **NOT** permitted
- Jewellery including **earrings / retainers** of any kind are **NOT** permitted
- Plain hairbands and bobbles only

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black sports shorts
- Plain red or black sweatshirt or hoodie
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- Trainers and sandshoes for indoor PE (these will be kept in school throughout the year)

All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name

Please note that children are **NOT permitted** to wear **any type** of earrings for school, including plastic retainers. This is because the school day is more active, rather than just during a PE lesson as the children participate in active maths, golden mile, brain breaks etc. If your child comes to school wearing earrings, **they will be asked to remove them**.

Please bear this in mind if you intend to have your child's ears pierced during the six week break as they will need to be able to take them out ready for the start of school in September.

Where to purchase School Uniform

Our school uniform can be easily purchased at any local **supermarket** or from the following suppliers:

- **Tots to Teams – www.totstoteams.com
Airport Industrial Estate, Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2EF**
- **Emblematic – <https://studentuniform.co.uk/milps026/>
Online orders only**

Please note that there is **no expectation** for any item of uniform to include the school badge. Second-hand uniform will be made available for purchase at set times each term and parents will be notified of this in advance. A pre-loved uniform sale will take place in summer term.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with their name
- In good condition

Parents are expected to contact Mrs Richardson (Headteacher) if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner in writing to Mrs Richardson (Headteacher). Any disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Mrs Richardson.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.