

School Uniform Policy

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support in striving to maintain our high standards of school uniform.

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 pinafore 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

Accessories

- Nail varnish and makeup are **NOT** permitted
- No jewellery allowed including **NO** earrings of any kind
- 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. Children will need a book bag to bring to school each day (backpacks are NOT permitted).**

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
- **Emblamatic – www.emblematic.co.uk**
Online orders only

Please be aware 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 when this will be available in advance.

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).

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.