

Monkhouse Primary Academy

ACADEMY DRESS

Review Date: July 2026



Context

At Monkhouse Primary Academy we pride ourselves on looking smart at all times by wearing a colourful, smart and comfortable uniform which follows the academy's dress policy. We feel that it is a positive reinforcement outside the school that clearly represents how supportive pupils and parents are towards our academy.

We understand that the wearing uniform reduces peer pressure and promotes a sense of community within the academy.

We hope that all children will take a sense of pride in their appearance.

We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should dress accordingly.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for academy uniform in our school prospectus.

Jewellery, make-up and nail polish

On Health and Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. If a watch is worn, it should not be capable of taking photos, videos or recording in anyway - for example a smart watch. We ask children to remove these objects independently during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. Ideally, on PE days children should not be sent to school with these objects.

Pupils planning to have their ears pierced should do so in the first week of the summer holidays, so that they can heal before they return to school.

Nail polish and make-up are not permitted to be worn in school. Neither are appropriate for a primary school child and could be considered a hazard in some lessons such as food technology.

Any hair bobbles, scrunchies or hairbands should be plain. Hairbands used should sit flat to the head and should not have decorative features that stick out (for example ears or unicorn horns). It is preferable for long hair to be tied back away from the face in a ponytail during PE sessions.

Monkhouse uniform

The Monkhouse uniform consists of:

Uniform list – Winter

- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without a school crest)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan (with or without school crest)
- Suitably coloured tights
- Black shoes.
- School fleece (optional)

Uniform list – Summer

- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without a school crest)
- Blue and white gingham dress
- Grey or black school shorts

On PE days, we ask the children to come into school dressed in their PE kits. The Monkhouse PE kit consists of:

- Plain navy or black unbranded jogging bottoms or shorts
- Plain navy or black unbranded sweatshirt or zip-through hoodie
- House printed PE shirt (or plain white t-shirt)
- Trainers or plimsolls

Footwear

Children should wear sensible, smart shoes that are plain black in colour. They should be in keeping with the smart appearance of the rest of their uniform and should have closed toes for safety reasons.

Trainers may be worn for outdoor PE only and plimsolls can be worn for indoor PE.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our academy to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the academy to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Principal. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the academy will look sympathetically at such requests.

Staff Dress

All staff should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. If staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit.

Staff should therefore exercise professional judgement when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day. No jeans or denim should be worn during the normal school day (details laid out in staff handbook).

For particular activities, such as teaching PE, staff should wear suitable clothing and wear appropriate footwear.

Implementing and Monitoring this policy

All staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Pupils should be praised when they are wearing appropriate clothing.

If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the academy dress code with them. Parents may need to be contacted to request that they support academy policy.

Staff should inform the Principal if they feel that standards of dress are deteriorating in their class.

The Principal shall be responsible for ensuring that staff dress appropriately.

Signed _____ Chair of Governors Date:

Headteacher Date: