

Thistle Hill Academy Uniform Policy

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school. We ask you to respect and support our policy and in doing so ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and be of smart personal appearance.

We have thought carefully about our school uniform and have chosen it to be comfortable and practical for primary aged children whilst also being affordable for families. **The sweatshirt/cardigan is the only piece of school uniform where it is important that the School logo is present. This means that all other items of uniform/accessories can be purchased in supermarkets and/or local uniform shops, as well as the Mapac online shop.**

From September 2022, we are going to trial an alternative uniform option for children in Reception which we are encouraging parents to choose. This will be marked in red in the relevant sections below.

School Uniform

- Grey round necked sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
 - The following second-hand uniform from previous years is also acceptable:
 - Purple blazer with school logo (when worn with purple striped tie)
 - Grey V-neck sweatshirt, plain or with school logo (when worn with purple striped tie)
- White polo shirt/blouse, plain or with school logo*
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey knee length skirt/pinafore **OR** purple tartan pleated knee length skirt*
- Black or grey tights or socks
- Sensible black school shoes

Alternative options for Reception children only:

- *Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no logos/patterns/stripes)*
- *Sensible plain black trainers (no obvious logos, patterns, stripes)*

Alternate uniform for warmer weather

- Black or grey shorts instead of trousers
- Purple/white checked dresses

During the summer months we ask all parents to ensure their child brings a hat to school and also as applied sunscreen before coming to school.

PE Kit

- Black polo shirt, plain or with school logo* OR White t-shirt, plain or with school logo*
- Black plain PE shorts
- Dark coloured tracksuit bottoms
- Black plimsolls (for indoor PE)
- Trainers (for outdoor PE)
- Purple Thistle Hill PE Hoody with school logo* (Optional**)

Alternative option for Reception children only:

- *No PE kit (children can just wear their school clothes for PE)*

Book bags, Gym bags and accessories that display the school logo* are entirely optional. If not purchased, we do ask however, that children carry equipment in a small, sensible bag rather than plastic carrier bags.

*** Clothing/accessories that display the school logo and the purple tartan pleated skirt can only be purchased from the Mapac Online Shop.**

****The PE Hoodies with the school logo are optional, no other hoodies are acceptable. As an alternative to a hoody, children can wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan in the cold weather. The PE Hoodies are only to be worn as PE kit and are not to be worn to and from school.**

Second Hand Uniform - We accept donations of second-hand uniform, please visit the school office where you can see our collection!

Hats/Hair Coverings:

Children may not wear hats, caps, handkerchiefs, bandanas, dorags, scarves, or other head coverings indoors at school. Exceptions can be made for religious and/or medical reasons.

Hair:

Hair should be neat, brushed and tied back if long. It should not have tramlines, dyed elements, Mohicans or similar.

Piercings:

Earrings if worn must only be small studs and either be removed by the child or left at home on PE days. Facial piercings are not permitted.

Necklaces/Chains/Watches:

Necklaces and chains are not permitted. Watches can be worn but must be removed by the child for sporting activities.

Shirts/Jackets:

No other sweatshirts, jackets, or sweaters are allowed to be worn inside the building.

Feet:

Trainers are not permitted for daily wear, they are for outdoor PE only. Wellington style boots are only permitted on snowy or very wet days. Luminous socks or highly patterned tights are not considered school uniform. Heeled shoes are not acceptable.

Hands/Nails/Make up:

Children may not wear bracelets armbands, or multiple rings. Nails should be free of any artificial enhancements (varnish, acrylic, silk wraps, press-ons, rhinestones, etc.) Make up is not permitted.

Non-Uniform Days:

A non-uniform day allows a child to express his/her individuality through their attire. The expectation is for the child to wear garments that fit appropriately and are non-offensive. Any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate for a non-uniform day will result in the child being required to change into school uniform. Sometimes for school trips other clothing is requested, please consider appropriateness for the weather conditions expected.

Health and Safety:

For safety reasons jewellery must not be worn in school. Only watches and stud earrings may be worn if necessary, but they must be removed for P.E. lessons by your child.