

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As you are aware we have taken a relaxed approach to school uniform since we returned to school following lockdown. Our priority was to welcome the children back and settle them in to school life as quickly as possible. We did not want any lack of uniform/outgrown uniform to be a barrier preventing them returning to school. Equally we did not want parents/carers having to replace uniform halfway through the year when times were still so uncertain.

As things have slowly returned to normal, we as a school are working hard to maintain high standards. Whether it be behaviour, uniform or academic success we strive for the best for all our pupils. We pride ourselves on strong home-school links and recognise the part you play in this as parents and carers. Maintaining high standards without your support would not be possible.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also ensures pupils are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear, and all are treated equally.

However, we as a school also recognise that times are particularly difficult at the moment with the rise of the cost of living and we do not want the buying of school uniform to be a financial burden for families and cause distress. Therefore, we have weighed up the balance of having a distinct identity, whilst ensuring that uniform items are not causing too much of an incumbrance.

To ensure you do not incur any unnecessary expense please note the following:

- We have decided to only have **two badged items** as part of our uniform from September. **Please note to reduce costs for parents we will accept plain white polo shirts next year.** These can be purchased cheaply at various shops and supermarkets.
- Hoodies, (other than the blue Morriston PE hoodie) are not permitted as outer wear. Pupils who turn up to school wearing hoodies will have them confiscated. The blue Morriston PE hoodie can be worn but pupils will be expected to take them off in lessons.
- From September we will be using the PE changing rooms. This means we are expecting all pupils to be in full school uniform everyday and change into their PE kit for the lesson.

To avoid any misunderstandings or unnecessary expense, our expectations with regards to uniform are as follows:

Uniform

- Black Sweatshirt with **school badge**
- Plain white Polo shirt [polo shirts with a school badge can still be worn]
- Plain black trousers or skirt [**no leggings/jeans/jogging bottoms**]
- Suitable school coat-ALL coats /jackets need to be removed when in class

Footwear

- Pupils are allowed to wear plain black, shoes/trainers to school. The soles need to be black and there should be no visible markings on the shoe/trainer itself.



PE Kit

- Plain black loose fitting shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings. [shorts with the Morriston badge can still be worn]
- Tops should be a royal blue **badged** Morriston T Shirt/rugby shirt
- **Pupils do not need to purchase a PE outdoor top-this is optional not compulsory**
- If a pupil already owns a PE blue hoody then this can only be worn in PE **not** in other lessons.
- Pupils need to wear trainers suitable for sporting activities.
- **Canvas trainers such as Converse or Vans are not suitable for PE lessons and therefore are not permitted to be worn with the PE kit**



Jewellery

The school policy regarding jewellery has not changed. Pupils are allowed to wear a watch and a single stud in each earlobe, no other jewellery is allowed. **Facial piercings are not permitted due to the health and safety risk they pose.**

If a pupil fails to follow these rules, items of jewellery may be confiscated and kept in the school office to be collected by a parent/carer.

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If you have any concerns with regards to uniform, please contact your child's Progress Leader in the first instance. If you have a more specific query, please do not hesitate in contacting myself.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Altman

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