



Muscliff Primary School

Uniform and Appearance Policy

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At Muscliff Primary School, we are proud of our school. Our expectations of our pupils in terms of appearance and uniform should aim to reflect and promote our pride. School pride is one way to support us to learn to believe in something bigger than ourselves.

Taking pride in our appearance and uniform is important as it can play a key role in:

- **promoting the ethos of a school**
- **providing a sense of belonging and identity**
- **setting an appropriate tone for education**

We have just three simple rules at Muscliff: **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. This Appearance and Uniform Policy helps us to work within our three school rules. Wearing our uniform and taking pride in our appearance shows that we **are ready** to learn and denotes that we are **respectful** of the 'Muscliff Way.'

From KS2 tucking their shirts in and wearing their ties, to our youngest children taking responsibility for looking after their school uniform, we show that we are **ready and respectful** at all times.

The uniform outlined on our school website is an expectation. To make Muscliff accessible to all, there may be times when children are permitted to wear an alternative item of clothing to facilitate their inclusion. For example, it might be more appropriate for a child with specific sensory needs to not wear a tie in upper KS2. In these circumstances, we ensure that together (parents and school) work together and understand the adaptations that are appropriate to the individual. Pupils can wear clothing that is culturally relevant, such as traditional garments or items with symbolic meaning.

Where a child's choice of appearance is not appropriate as it might be distracting to themselves or to others, this would be in conflict to our rule **of Ready, Respectful, Safe** because their choices are impacting theirs and other's ability to be **ready** to learn. Hair, in particular, should not be unduly attention seeking (bold colour changes, 'extreme' hairstyles etc). Children should not have painted nails or tattoos/transfers in school. With the exception of basic wristwatches (no smartwatches), jewellery should not be worn as it can cause physical injury and can get lost. Only plain, non-protruding ear studs are permitted. For safety reasons they should be removed/taped over on days when there is PE or swimming.

We understand that there will be times when children cannot wear an item of school uniform, for example, if their shoes break mid-week. We ask parents to seek a replacement at the earliest opportunity but insist that the temporary alternative is a close match to our school uniform expectations. This might mean that a child wears black trainers whilst they are unable to wear their school shoes.

If your child is unable to meet the uniform requirement at any time, please contact us to discuss how we can support.