

## School Uniform

Dear Parents and Carers

During this term many of you will start to purchase new uniform for the start of the academic year in September. It is therefore important that we all have a shared understanding of the school uniform at Meole Brace School, enabling you to make informed choices about the correct purchases for your child.

The vast majority of our students continue to look smart and wear required school uniform with pride. We believe it is a key element of the school's identity and standards as a community.

We need every parent/carer to support us with school uniform so we can maintain our high standards and consistent approach.

There are photos in your child's school planner and on our web site showing examples of acceptable uniform. Please find below a list of the uniform that will be required from September to enable you to plan any new uniform purchases:

Meole Brace School uniform guidelines are as follows:

**Shoes:** Sensible leather (or leather look) plain, black shoes, suitable for everyday school wear. No logos of any sort. Training shoes, fabric or leather look pumps, yeezys, boots of any kind, sandals, mid or high heels or footwear of any other colour is not permitted.

**Trousers:** Black school trousers which are **not tight fitting**. Trousers should be ankle length and loose around the ankle. Jeans, denim material or denim type material, chinos or trousers of any other colour are not permitted. Belts should be dark in colour and of the type that loop through the trousers. They should not be excessively wide or bulky, studded or brightly decorated.

**Jeggings/Leggings** Are not permitted.

**Polo shirts:** White school polo shirts only, with blue (for Y7-9) or burgundy (for Y10-11) school logo. If a T-shirt is worn under the polo shirt, it must also be white and devoid of any visible logo, design or brand name.

**Girls Skirts:** A school skirt should be black, plain or pleat school wear. Tight and undersized skirts are not acceptable; this includes stretch cotton/jersey skirts. A school skirt should be no shorter than 10cm above the knee. Any splits in skirts should be discrete. Tights should be plain black or natural in colour

**Sweatshirts:** Please note that the wearing of the school sweatshirt is compulsory during Autumn and Spring Term. Sweatshirts will be navy blue in colour for all students with a blue or burgundy school logo to denote lower or upper school groups.

**Coats:** Outdoor garments, appropriate for everyday school use must be worn; these should be plain style with no excessive pattern, stripes or logos. An important definition of an acceptable coat is an item having either a zip fastener or a set of buttons all the way down the front. Tops which are pulled on and off over the head do not meet this criterion and are not permitted. The only exception to this rule is a waterproof cagoule type coat worn in wet or inclement weather. Leather and denim garments, together with tracksuit or jogging tops are likewise not acceptable as appropriate school outerwear.

**Headgear:** The wearing of baseball caps or headgear of any sort is not permitted in the school buildings at any time.

**Jewellery:** Students may wear one stud type earring per ear (no studs) and a watch. No other forms of visible jewellery are permitted. This includes fabric braids around wrists and ankles (one charity band may be worn). All forms of facial piercing are strictly forbidden.

**Hair:** Extreme styles of hair are unacceptable. Hair colours should be natural, e.g. no blues, greens, pinks, oranges, purples or scarlets etc. If you have any queries, please contact the school in advance of getting a haircut or colour. If it is shoulder length or longer, students will be asked to tie it back in Science, DT and PE for health and safety reasons.

**Makeup:** No obvious makeup should be worn for school eg brightly coloured eye shadow, mascara, thick eye brow pencil or lipstick. No false nails or nail polish to be worn. Students will be instructed to remove these immediately.

*NOTE: Any student refusing to follow these guidelines may be isolated or sent home until they are able to do so.*

Items of uniform available for Meole Brace School, including the white polo shirt and blue sweatshirt with MBS logo may be purchased from our supplier: [schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://schoolshopdirect.co.uk), either on-line or in person. Please consult the shop website for further details, including size guidance and price lists.

Other items can be purchased from Schoolshop or from supermarkets or department stores. **Please note: some fashion shops advertise items as school uniform, but certain items do not fulfil our uniform requirements, so if in doubt please check with myself or your child's community team leader.**

I hope that this uniform information is helpful, but it is impossible to provide an exhaustive list. Thank you for your support in making sure that your son or daughter has the correct uniform.

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