

# Micklefield's Policy on School Uniform



## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Micklefield, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

## 2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
  - engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
  - is practical and smart;
  - identifies the children with the school;
  - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
  - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
  - is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;

## 3 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

## 4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair must be tied back and fringes should allow children to work without distraction or irritation.

## 5 Footwear

- 5.1 We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear slip on shoes or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Children are required to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

## 6 The role of Parents /Governors.

- 6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to Micklefield to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and labelled with the child's name.

- 6.2 If there are serious reasons, e.g. allergy or disability, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.
- 6.3 The school will ensure that second hand uniform sales are held regularly and that only good quality clothing is available through these sales.
- 6.4 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

**Signed:**            **Lyn Rose**  
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