

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Update to the school uniform policy – effective August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter regarding uniform sent on 3rd May, we have now completed our review of the uniform policy that was significantly updated last year. In my letter on 3rd May I stated that we were reviewing uniform on PE days and also looking at ending the transition from the old uniform to the new one at the end of this year. I invited comments from parents and carers about both of these aspects and this feedback has been included as part of the review.

Following discussions with senior leaders and trustees, we have decided that from the start of the new school year in August, we will revert to our Pre Covid PE day arrangements that saw children come into school in their normal school uniform and change into their PE kit when in school. This was paused during the pandemic for health and safety reasons and we looked last year to see whether to continue with this.

The key issues that we have noticed are that:

- Our PE day uniform is only adhered to by around half of children and this contrasts with the high proportions adhering to the main uniform. We have concluded that having 'two uniforms' is confusing and ambiguous and has detracted from the 'standardised look' that a school uniform seeks to achieve (and that the vast majority of parents and carers would expect).
- Children have lost a great weekly practice of preparing for future life at secondary school and beyond by getting changed and learning to organise themselves and their possessions.

I attach the updated uniform policy. Please note that the day uniform has not changed and also there are a number of key things that should not be worn in particular. As stated above, the revised policy will apply from August and the existing policy will apply for the rest of the school year.

Please also note that our school uniform provider has changed recently to 'My Clothing'
<https://myclothing.com/collections/kirby-muxloe-primary-school-29152>

Yours Faithfully



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