



Merrylee Primary



Uniform

Indoor Uniform

At Merrylee Primary we understand that children have to feel comfortable in what they are wearing to do their best learning. As a school we feel it is important to give our families flexible options to suit varying budgets and styles. As a general rule our uniform consists of a light blue polo shirt, grey top and grey bottoms with any comfortable footwear of any colour (velcro trainers are preferable). We politely request that younger children do not wear any shoes that have laces as children struggle to tie and untie knots independently.

There is no need to purchase a branded polo shirt with the Merrylee logo. Many supermarkets sell good quality light blue polo shirts at a much lower cost. Should you wish to buy branded Merrylee uniform please look at our recommended stockists below:



<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/search/Merrylee>



https://blossomsschoolwear.com/search.php?search_query_adv=merrylee

In the interests of being eco and budget friendly, we have pre-loved uniform at the Community Entrance for families to take from. This is also an area where families can donate to. Any uniform people no longer require but is still in reasonable condition to be worn again, can be placed in the pre-loved uniform area.

We also work in partnership with Apparel Exchange who sell second-hand items of uniform as well as second-hand outerwear. Please have a look at their website and Facebook site for upcoming events:

<https://www.apparelxchange.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/apparelxchangeCIC/>

As well as a polo shirt, it is important that children have a warm grey top such as a jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt and appropriate bottoms which include grey shorts, grey trousers, grey or navy joggers, grey pinafore or grey skirt. We also have some children who opt to wear a

blue school summer dress in the warmer months. There is no need for more formal uniform until the upper school stages. Primary 6 and 7 are encouraged to wear shirt and tie, before transition to secondary school. It is also important P6 and 7 wear shirt and tie to more formal events such as presentations out with school and church services (if presenting, singing, etc.).

We ask that all children also have a pair of 'indoor' shoes to change into to help keep our classroom carpets clean. These shoes will be left in school. Indoor shoes could be a pair of trainers (as they are best for PE too!), traditional plimsols or school shoes. Crocs are not suitable as indoor shoes - children often wear them without the heel strap secured, which has resulted in accidents on stairs.

Getting Ready

It is important that all children can get dressed and undressed independently. Younger children often find buttons (snaps and buttonholes), zips, shoe clasps and laces very tricky to do on their own. Many children also find it difficult to get their clothing the 'right way' for putting on, such as arms being inside out. It is an important skill for any child to learn and it can take a lot of practice! By selecting easier options of uniform or practising at home, your child will quickly become more independent in getting themselves dressed for school.

Name Labels

We ask that you put your child's name (first and last) on EVERYTHING!!! We can return anything that is lost, quickly, if it is clearly labelled. Unfortunately, we have lots of missing items that end up at the charity shop every year because we are unable to reunite them with their owner. It is not necessary to put a class on labels as this will change the following year.

P.E. Uniform

P1-3 children can wear their school polo shirt to P.E. and so, only need a pair of shorts or joggers and a pair of indoor trainers or plimsols (these could be their indoor shoes). P1-3 children should bring a bag with their P.E. kit on a Monday, and the bag will be sent home each Friday so their kit can be washed.

P4-7 children can get changed prior to P.E. lessons in changing rooms, therefore can bring a full change of clothes to school, if they wish. Children should arrive to school in their uniform, including indoor P.E. days.

Children without suitable P.E. kit will not be able to take part in sports lessons and activities due to health and safety concerns. For example, children cannot wear Crocs or boots in the gym hall.

Outdoor Wear

At Merrylee we embrace learning opportunities wherever we can, and so pupils are outdoors in all weathers for break times and learning (not just on their outdoor day!). It is really important that children are always prepared to be outside for a significant time and so we would ask that children come to school prepared for a typical Scottish day- wind, rain, sun and snow! It is so important that all children have a waterproof jacket and shoes.

All children also learn outdoors for a full day each week. For children to really enjoy this day it is important that they are dressed correctly. A cold child is an unhappy one that can't learn and so, children can wear additional items to supplement their school uniform. We understand outdoor days can get quite messy (that's part of the fun!), so for outdoor day children need a waterproof jacket and trousers, wellingtons, thick socks, warm additional layers, hat, gloves and a scarf. Children should wear their regular school polo shirt and jumper with further additional layers, if needed. Grey, blue or black joggers or leggings for the bottom half can be worn as they are more likely to get muddy or torn. Shorts are not suitable for outdoor day as there are thorns, branches and nettles in the outdoor areas which can cause scratches.

Spare Clothing

If your child has frequent toilet accidents it is best to put spare clothing into their bag so that they can change with minimal disruption to their day at school.

Clothing Grants

As a family you may be eligible to apply for a clothing grant and free school meals. Not only does it help you, but it also helps our school if you do apply for the grant as we are often allocated additional support when more families sign up.

You may be eligible to receive a School Clothing Grant award of £120 for each child if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Reduction (this is not Council Tax single person's discount or student discount)
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £796
- Income Support/Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) or any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Child Tax Credits only (CTC) with an annual income of less than £19,995
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Applications for clothing grants open in July on this website:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/2492/Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals>

If you are unsure or have any further questions, please contact the school office for more details.

Bits and Bobs!

We encourage all children to bring a lunchbox with a fruit snack and a water bottle in it as there are regular breaks throughout the day to encourage children to drink and eat healthily.

Younger children can bring a school bag if they wish, however this is not necessary as we provide all children with a plastic folder to bring work and reading books home. Older children should bring a school bag with them to carry their iPad and belongings safely. We encourage children to bring their own pencil case to school with resources that may include writing pencils, colouring pencils, colouring pens, a sharpener and rubber.

