

## **School Uniform**

The information we issued in the June 2020 end of term newsletter regarding school uniform remains the same. A reminder of this information has been uploaded as a news item on the school app. A reminder given below along with a few answers to the questions you may have. I hope that this answers any questions you have regarding school uniform.

### **What is a more relaxed school uniform?**

In line with guidance from South Lanarkshire Council a more relaxed version of the school uniform should be worn when pupils return to school in August. By this we mean the more casual version of our school uniform; yellow polo shirts worn with navy sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers, fleeces, trousers and jogging trousers.

### **Why is the more relaxed version of school uniform advised?**

The more relaxed version is recommended because we are being advised that the children will be outdoors much more often. Yellow polo shirt worn with navy clothing is our less formal uniform and is being encouraged.

### **Will the relaxed uniform be recommended all year or only for a short time?**

Polo tops, sweatshirts and jogging trousers have always been part of the school uniform at Murray Primary. The only difference is that this year we are advising that this form of uniform clothing is worn every day to enhance your child's comfort during the advised, extended periods of outdoor learning. Relaxed uniform will be encouraged for the whole school year until June 2021.

### **Handy Hints for Buying Uniform**

Our school colours are navy blue and yellow. Navy trousers, jogging trousers, sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are advised and are worn with a yellow polo shirt. Girls would normally wear skirts and school dresses however these would be more restrictive for our girls when engaging in the outdoor PE and outdoor learning. Although navy leggings have always been discouraged for school uniform these can now become part of the more relaxed school uniform as they would be comfortable and would suit the outdoor activities children will be doing. Polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans with the Murray Primary school logo can be purchased from **My Clothing on their website [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com)**.

### **Does my child need to wear uniform with the school logo purchased from the My Clothing website?**

No. You can purchase plain yellow polo tops and plain navy sweatshirts and cardigans from any shop or supermarket.

### **Can children still wear shirt and tie?**

We are being advised that the more formal school uniform of white shirt worn with school tie worn is to be discouraged. Ultimately it is a parent's choice how they present their child for school. If parents prefer to send their child to school wearing white shirt and tie they are free to do so however the relaxed uniform would undoubtedly be more comfortable for pupils engaging in outdoor learning.

### **Waterproof Jackets**

Children should have a waterproof jacket to enable them to take part in outdoor learning as we all know the Scottish weather can be unpredictable!

### **Why does the school always recommend parents label school clothing and personal belongings with their child's name?**

It is now more important than ever before that children take care of their personal belongings in school in line with current health & safety measures. Our pupils are very well presented in their school uniforms and we appreciate that it costs families a lot of money to kit out their children for school. You want to make sure that the clothing you send your child to school in is the clothing they return home wearing. Parents understandably get upset when clothing gets lost or misplaced. School staff are often unable to return lost or misplaced clothing to the owners if the clothing has not been labelled with the child's name. In each class most of the children's clothing is identical! Clothing labels are often the same size/age and bought from the same shops with the same branding. **Please use a biro or felt pen to write your child's full name on all items of clothing.** This is your homework for the start of term mums and dads!

### **School Shoes - Outdoor Shoes**

Please select school shoes to suit increased levels of outdoor learning and outdoor PE. A smart trainer style of shoe would be ideal.

### **School Shoes - Indoor Soft Shoes**

All pupils need a pair of indoor shoes to change into. The black slip on or Velcro fastening gym shoes are perfect.

### **Hair Accessories**

Hair accessories should be small and discreet. Novelty headbands and novelty hair accessories should be avoided.

### **School Bags, Lunch Bags, Water Bottles & Pencil Cases**

- ✓ Children may still bring school bags and lunch bags to school. Lunch bags should be able to fit within school bags.
- ✓ Children should continue to bring a water bottle to school. This should be filled with water at home and brought to school each day.
- X Children will not refill water bottles at the water coolers in school in the way that we previously did.
- X Pencil cases should not be brought to school at this point. Pupils will be provided with their own set of resources.