

School Uniform Information issued in the June 2020 School Newsletter

South Lanarkshire Council and Murray Primary School will continue to advocate the wearing of school uniform however we are being advised that we should inform our parents that 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. The more relaxed version is recommended because we are being advised that the children will be outdoors much more often. We have extensive grounds in Murray Primary which include our playgrounds, MUGA, play equipment, outdoor classes and forest area. These provide fantastic outdoor learning environments. We will be following Scottish Government advice and our pupils will be outside participating in outdoor learning activities and outdoor P.E. on a bigger scale than we did previously. The more relaxed uniform will enable pupils to comfortably engage in these activities outdoors. So when purchasing uniform think about the types of clothing your child would be comfortable wearing running around outside or taking part in learning activities outside. Here are some handy hints for purchasing uniform for August. 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. We are being advised that the more formal school uniform of white shirt worn with school tie worn is to be discouraged. Yellow polo shirt worn with navy clothing is our less formal uniform and is being encouraged. Polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans with the Murray Primary school logo can be purchased from **My Clothing on their website myclothing.com**. Tesco was our previous supplier however they no longer sell embroidered school uniforms. Pupils do not need to wear polo tops and sweatshirts with the school logo. Plain yellow polo tops and plain navy sweatshirts from supermarkets are perfectly fine. May I kindly request that the following points are noted regarding school uniform. Please note that black clothing is not part of school uniform. Please select school shoes to suit increased levels of outdoor learning and outdoor PE. A smart trainer style of shoe would be ideal. Hair accessories should be small and discreet. Novelty headbands and novelty hair accessories should be avoided. All pupils need a pair of indoor shoes to change into. The black slip on or Velcro fastening gym shoes are perfect. I know that parents will have their own view on the more relaxed version of school uniform however it is important that as a school we issue to parents the guidance we have been given. Ultimately it is a parent's choice how they present their child for school. I know that many of our parents usually prefer their child to wear the ultra-smart white shirt and tie and will follow the uniform advice with some understandable reluctance. However I am sure that we are all united in agreement that the uniform must keep our children safe and comfortable. Children can still bring school bags and lunch bags to school. Lunch bags should be able to fit within school bags. We ask that children do not bring a pencil case to school at this point. All resources they need will be provided and they will have their own set of resources on their desk for only their use. We are advised that children should continue to bring a water bottle to school. This should be filled with water at home and brought to school each day. Children will not refill water bottles at the water coolers in school in the way that we previously did.