



**Middleton-in-Teesdale  
Academy**

# Uniform Policy

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**Date of next review: September 2026**



**North East  
Learning Trust**

## Review history

Review Date	Reviewer	Approved by	Date approved	Implementation
September 2024	Headteacher/Executive Headteacher	Primary Executive Headteacher	July 2024	September 2024
September 2026				

## Recent revisions

Issue No.	Date	Revisions made
1	September 2024	New policy
2	January 2025	Updated to include reference to religious head coverings

### 1. Introduction

Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust and the uniform policy supports the high standards of the Trust and the Academy as well as ensuring a strong sense of identity amongst our pupils. We aim to ensure that the uniform is comfortable, practical, smart and as low-cost as possible. The Trust and the Academy ask that all parents/carers and pupils adhere to the policy.

### 2. Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of belonging.
- is practical and distinctive.
- identifies the children with the Academy.
- is not distracting in class.
- makes children feel equal in terms of appearance.
- reflects the sense both of community and diversity that the Academy takes pride in.

### 3. School uniform

All pupils should wear:

- Middleton-in-Teesdale v-neck jumper or cardigan (**required, only available from the uniform supplier**).
- White shirt (**required, generic**).
- School tie (**required, only available from the uniform supplier**).
- Grey straight legged trousers/grey knee length skirt (**required, generic**).
- Socks that are plain white or grey or plain grey tights (**required, generic**).

### 4. Optional

- Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy bag or a practical school bag.
- Middleton-in-Teesdale zip fleece/waterproof jacket (**optional, only available from uniform supplier**).
- A blue gingham dress or grey shorts may be worn in the summer term (**generic**).

### 5. Shoes

- **Plain** black shoes/trainers (**generic**, no coloured/white soles/logos)
- All shoes should have a low heel
- Laces should be plain black
- Wellingtons and boots can be worn to travel to school in wetter weather, but children need to change into their school shoes on arrival.

### 6. PE Kit

All PE kits must be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo. A white polo/t-shirt and navy-blue shorts must be worn. No football shirts allowed.

For PE lessons all children need:

- Plain white t-shirt/ polo shirt (**generic**).
- Navy blue shorts, track-suit bottoms or leggings (**generic**).
- Middleton-in-Teesdale hoodie (**optional, only available from the uniform supplier**) / plain navy hoodie (**optional, generic**).
- Training shoes (required, generic).
- Middleton-in-Teesdale gym bag/small drawstring bag (optional, generic).

Uniform can be ordered through the school website  
<https://www.middletoninteesdaleacademy.co.uk/school-information/school-uniform>

A pre-loved uniform shop will be available from 2025.

## 7. Jewellery and accessories

On health and safety grounds, we only allow pupils to wear:

- Jewellery – only one stud earring in each ear lobe and a watch are permitted (no other jewellery is permitted, including nose piercings)
- No nail varnish or nail extensions
- Make up is not allowed

Watches and earrings must be removed for PE lessons – this is the responsibility of parents to remove these before school.

## 8. Headwear

- Long hair should be tied back
- Hairbands, bobbles, and small bows should be plain blue, navy, and white.
- Religious head coverings are permitted and can be purchased from Emblematic

The following are **not** permitted:

- Hair dye/coloured streaks
- Shaven hair design
- Extreme haircuts
- Shaven hair below a grade 2

## 9. Role of the Local Academy Council

The Local Academy Council will determine, monitor, and review the Uniform Policy and provide support and guidance to the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented and adhered to.

## 10. Role of the Headteacher

- To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy.
- To enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- Speak with parents/carers of pupils who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- Follow DfE guidelines where a pupil fails to comply with the Uniform Policy.

## 11. Role of staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to pupils who do not wear correct uniform and if this persists the matter will be referred to the Headteacher.

## 12. Role of parents/carers

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy and come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non- uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

## 13. Breaches of the uniform policy

Breaches of the uniform policy Pupils are expected to wear school uniform unless there is a justified reason, they are unable to. Parents/carers must inform the school in writing, clearly stating the reasons, should their child be unable to wear any aspect of the uniform.

The Headteacher will decide what action to take should a pupil's appearance be judged not to comply with the Uniform Policy. If a pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to wear a spare school uniform for the rest of day or remove anything which does not comply with the Uniform Policy.