

Clothing and Uniform Policy

This policy has been developed referring to the Scottish Government's Guidance on School uniform and clothing. Children should be dressed to take part in a range of activities at school. All clothing and footwear should be appropriate for active and outdoor play. Children are not required to wear 'school uniform' style trousers or skirts. We ask that children do not wear costumes or clothing with branded characters to school, as this can distract them and other children from their learning.

School uniform can be purchased via the BE Uniforms website. <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/edinburgh-montessori-art-school.html> Our uniform is comfortable and relaxed. It is available in a range of colours that reflect the diversity of our school community whilst underlining our shared identity.

We encourage nursery children to wear their school jumpers and t-shirts every day at school.

Uniform is mandatory for Elementary pupils; the school logo should be visible at all times.

We offer a wide range of options to facilitate this:

- T-shirt, long-sleeved top, or polo shirt
- Sweater, hoodie or cardigan
- Jacket, waterproofs, fleece jacket or high-vis vest

You may also wish to purchase a warm hat for winter and/or cap for summer.

Our Elementary program operates regular and often spontaneous trips outwith school. Children not wearing appropriate uniform are unable to join outings. Please ensure your child wears his/her uniform every day at school.

All children's clothing should be labelled clearly with their name, and all children are required to have a full change of clothing (with extra socks) available at school. For children who are toilet training, please provide several changes. Children do not wear shoes indoors; soft-soled slippers or slipper socks are recommended.

Outdoor play is encouraged in all weathers and therefore appropriate outdoor clothes are necessary. Please make sure your child has wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket for rainy days, and is wrapped up warmly on wintry days (with hat and gloves at the minimum). During sunny weather, please provide a sun hat and sun cream for your child. Again, these items should all be labelled. Staff will then be able to ensure that children are appropriately dressed at all times.

Spare clothing and outdoor clothing can be kept at the school on your child's peg. Please do not permit your child to bring toys to school. In addition to being a distraction for your child and others, these can pose a choking hazard for younger children and may also get lost or broken.

Second-hand uniform items are available to purchase from the school office.