

## COMPULSORY SCHOOL DRESS POLICY

Merton has a compulsory school dress code and a uniform. The uniform supplier is Mini Polo Vêtements, Tel. 514-385-3726, Email- [etty@minipolo.ca](mailto:etty@minipolo.ca). The dress guidelines are as follows:

- Merton students in Cycles 1-3 follow a **dress code** of solid navy blue bottoms and solid white tops daily, EXCEPT on physical education days. These clothes can be bought from any store and do not have a Merton crest. In cooler weather the Merton red sweatshirt should be worn (with school logo). No other sweater, including solid navy, may be worn indoors.
- Every student (including Kindergarten students) must also have a full **school uniform**, which will be worn for physical education, on field trips and on special days. The uniform consists of red Merton jogging pants (Merton shorts or skorts in warm weather), white T-shirt (logo not required) and running shoes. In cooler weather, a red Merton sweatshirt is worn.
- Jewelry and watches are not permitted on physical education days, and long hair must be tied back.
- **Shoes** must be worn at all times. In warm weather, students may wear flat sandals to school, but these must have a strap to support the ankle. No flip-flops are permitted. It is necessary for students to have a pair of rain boots or a second pair of shoes, as our school yard gets muddy in the fall and spring. On physical education days, running shoes with appropriate support must be worn. (No Converse-type or similar flat shoes)
- Tops and bottoms (i.e. shirts and pants or skirts) must meet each other so that no skin is exposed in the midriff.
- **Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children respect the dress code.** If your child is not wearing the right clothing for their school day, we will call you to bring a change of clothes, or offer a change of clothes in school, if available.

We value the health and mental benefits of fresh air. All students are expected to go outside at recesses and lunch time. Please help us by dress your child appropriately for the weather, and please label your child's clothes, especially the Merton sweatshirt, to avoid losing them.

**There is a Lost and Found area near the front entrance of the school which parents are encouraged to check frequently for any lost clothing items.**