

Marshlands Primary School



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

The Department for Education believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and sets an appropriate tone. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus. We believe the following policy is fair and reasonable for children aged between 3 and 11. We have ensured that the cost of our school uniform is reasonable and provided more cost effective alternatives. Any new uniform items we do sell are at 'cost price' and no money is gained by the school, all discounts are passed to parents. All items sold have also been identified as best value for cost. We also give the option to wear the school colours and not school specific uniform. This is in line with statutory guidance on uniform costs (29.4.21). This guidance requires schools to:

1. Make sure contracts with uniform suppliers are competitive and transparent in order to keep costs down.
2. Consider the longevity and quality of garments alongside their costs.
3. Consider high street alternatives instead of branded items.
4. Encourage the use of second-hand uniform
5. Ensure parents have access to clear information about uniform policies

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- sets an appropriate tone
- encourages identity with and support for the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion and sports brand clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

The school uniform consists of :

White polo shirt

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (School emblem optional)

Black or grey trousers/skirt or pinafore

Black shoes/trainers (mainly black in colour but may have a small logo)

Black/grey/navy/white tights

In summer months, pupils may also wear:

Black/grey tailored shorts.

Blue summer dress

Sandals worn with socks

The PE uniform is:

Plain white T shirt

Black shorts

Trainers or pumps

Black or navy tracksuit (for outdoor PE)

School uniform does not need to be new and families are welcome to donate old uniform to school, which will then be included in our pre loved boxes. Pre loved uniform is available from reception all year round. This is an opportunity for parents to access free uniform items through exchanging items that no longer fit for different sizes. After consulting with parents, pre loved uniform is not always wanted for free but instead can be offered for a swap of items that are too small. Parents will lead on this decision based on their own circumstances.

Jewellery and makeup

On health and safety grounds jewellery should not be worn or brought into school. The exceptions to this rule being one set of discreet ear-ring studs in pierced ears, wrist watch and small objects of religious significance.

With regards to PE, we adopt the guidance provided by the afPE (Association for Physical Education) which states: "The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings." If your child is unable to remove earrings or piercings themselves, they should not come into school wearing them on PE days. Physical Education is a statutory curriculum requirement, therefore in order to avoid your child missing PE. we advise any piercings to be done during the summer holidays. PE equipment is also used at playtimes (such as bats, balls, skipping ropes, hoops). Children will not be permitted to use these whilst wearing earrings. No other body piercings i.e. nose piercings are allowed

Make up of any description will not be allowed, and children will be asked to wash this off.

Hair

All headwear needs to be appropriate to school ie hair bands, hair slides to keep long fringes out of eyes and hair bobbles to tie back longer hair.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school. Shoes or trainers must be flat and mainly plain black in colour. Separate trainers/footwear must be provided for PE.

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy

The Department for Education does not consider exclusion to be an appropriate response breaches of school uniform policy, **except where this is persistent and defiant***

School steps to ensure uniform is worn (in line with Department for Education guidance)

Incident of non-compliance to school uniform policy:

1. Child discreetly asked by class teacher why they are not wearing correct uniform/following uniform policy.
2. Child asked by class teacher to ensure they are wearing uniform/following uniform policy the following day.
3. Teacher to contact parent and offer support with pre loved uniform, alongside clarifying the uniform policy.
4. If the child is not wearing uniform/following uniform policy the following day the headteacher will contact parents and ascertain the reason . Pre loved uniform can be provided.
5. All of the above will be recorded and dated in case of future non-compliance and to support a wider picture of safeguarding/early help.

The role of parents

Parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and is named.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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