



Uniform Policy

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Vision

'Learning to work together, working together to learn.'

Introduction

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 on our website.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school, and good value for money, by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform Details

Pupils are expected to wear the following uniform:

- Red V-Neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo, available from Mapac)
- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Mid-grey/charcoal trousers, culottes, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Red checked dress/culottes
- White/grey/black socks
- White/grey/black/red tights
- Suitable, smart black shoes



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- Practical outdoor coat, suitable for all weathers

Pupils are expected to wear the following PE Kit:

- T-Shirt in School House colour (available from Mapac)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit
- Suitable, black trainers/plimsolls

Pupils may wear plain black skins for PE.

The school ask that all uniform is clearly named.

Families will be notified when circumstances dictate these expectations to differ, such as: non-uniform days, residential/over-night trips and events where more particular/specific clothing is required (such as sporting events or outdoor learning).

Hair

All long hair must be tied back so that it is not distracting for pupils.

The school does not permit children to have extreme hair styles, such as unnatural colours or impractical, distracting accessories.

Make-Up

The wearing of make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch.

If stud ear-rings are worn, they must be removed or covered with micropore tape for PE. If a smart-watch is worn, all communicative and media functions must be disabled.

The school does not take responsibility for any damage to these accessories.

Bags, Lunchboxes & Stationery

EYFS & KS1

Bags - On health and safety grounds, we ask that children in EYFS and KS1 use a 'book-bag' for their belongings – they are easy to carry and pack flat. This supports the children to keep corridors clear in the event of an emergency.

Lunchboxes - EYFS and KS1 children are provided with a specific place to keep their lunchbox.

Stationery - Children are provided with stationery in school, so we ask that EYFS and KS1 pupils do not bring pencil cases and other material into school.

Families will be notified when circumstances dictate these expectations to differ, such as: collecting items for modelling or specific projects where families may want to contribute to their child's work.

KS2

Bags - To support the children to grow their independence and prepare them for secondary school, we do permit children in KS2 to use a backpack/rucksack/bag for their belongings.

Lunchboxes - KS2 children are provided with a specific place to keep their lunchbox.



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Stationery - To promote pupils' sense of responsibility, we do permit KS2 children to bring a pencil case with typical, basic items such as: coloured pencils, an eraser, a sharpener, glue, a ruler, etc. Any pencil case bought from home must be able to fit in the pupil's tray so that it does not cause them a distraction from learning. If it does not fit or it creates unnecessary challenge, the pupil will be asked to take it home and not bring it back.

The school does not take responsibility for any items bought from home.

Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, sling backs or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

It is the responsibility of families, in partnership with the school, to teach the children about being responsible with all property, including their own personal belongings and items that are lent out. Looking after possessions, and being respectful of others' possessions, is a life skill.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will investigate such requests and respond accordingly.

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.

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

Equality & Inclusion

A list of our school uniform and PE dress code is available on the website. New parents are given this list. Parents are also given details of where they can purchase our 'logoed' school uniform items and the arrangements of our 'pre-loved' sales.

There may be times where changes need to be made, on a case-by-case basis, in response to the complex needs of a child. Where this is required, the school will work with families to find a reasonable adjustment.



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Monitoring & Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform



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