

Malmesbury C of E Primary School



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discovering life in all its fullness.”**

## **School Uniform Policy**

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## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from our school uniform supplier, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is provided below. A visual guide can be found in Appendix A. Both of these can also be found on our [website](#).

## **Aims and Objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- prepares children for the workplace

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher.

## **The role of staff**

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or their deputy. When a child is wearing the incorrect uniform, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1.) Firstly, make discreet and sympathetic enquiries
- 2.) Ask child when they will have the correct uniform (send letter home)
- 3.) If the wearing of incorrect uniform persists, have a conversation with parent to inform them of the wrong uniform

- 4.) If uniform is not rectified ask the office to send letter home, warning that child will be missing play within a week if uniform is not corrected. Inform Deputy Head that this is happening. (See Appendix B)

## **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Special Circumstances**

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

## **School Uniform List and advice to Parents (located on [Website](#))**

We offer a range of uniform with the school logo. This can be purchased online from the **SCHOOL SHOP LINK** in ParentMail, or by submitting a completed order form via the school post box. Hard copies of the order form are also available in the school foyer.

Most items of our school uniform can be obtained from any major chain stores. From time to time "nearly new" items of school uniform are donated by parents. These are available for sale in school. (Details of these dates appear in newsletters)

## **School Uniform list**

- A red sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white or navy shirt or polo shirt
- Navy or black trousers, shorts, skirts (length of skirt should be below hands – see picture guide), or pinafores
- Black shoes (No trainers, no boots)
- Red gingham dresses and closed toe sandals are permitted in the summer.

## **Shoes**

Please ensure that your children wear sensible shoes to school. Children are very active during the day both inside the school and in the playground. Their shoes need to be comfortable and safe. "Strappy" sandals are likely to cause trips and falls and boots end up being too big and rubbing when children run around. In extreme weather, children will be allowed to wear boots/wellingtons for their journey into school and then change into school shoes.

## **Socks**

Socks should be black, blue, or white with no patterns. We do not accept football / rugby socks with shorts.

## **Hair**

Hair below the shoulder should be tied up so that it does not cause a hazard in P.E and sports and remains out of eyes in lessons. Hair should be natural in colour and not dyed. We do not permit tramlines and encourage blending between the longer and shorter hair. For more information see Appendix A below.

## **Jewellery and Hair accessories**

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery. The only exceptions are stud earrings and essential religious items. See below for advice on jewellery during PE. We do not want to see children wearing hoops or dangly earrings. Please do not send your child to school with fancy headbands and clips - they are not part of school uniform. Please save these for weekends, weddings and parties!

## **Make Up**

Make up including nail varnish is not allowed in school.

## **PE Kit**

Please supply your child with a draw string bag (not plastic) which may be left at school during term time. Please ensure the bag has your child's name and class on it.

- Please provide a pair of black shorts and a red t-shirt. Please also provide a pair of clearly named trainers, with Velcro straps if your child is unable to tie their shoelaces.
- Please also provide a black/blue plain tracksuit or jogging top and trousers so that children can do outside PE in colder weather.
- Gymnastics and dance take place in the hall and are performed in bare feet. Trainers are used for games lessons outside.

Should your child need to wear jewellery for religious purposes please provide micropore tape to cover the jewellery during the lesson so that it doesn't present a hazard.

Appendix A

	Acceptable styles		Unacceptable Styles	
<b>Footwear</b>			 No tall boots	
			No trainers	
			No open toes	No heels
<b>Skirt and Skort Length</b>			Skirts and skorts should come below hands when hands are by their sides.	
<b>Shorts length and style</b>			No shorter than the acceptable images and not PE or sports shorts.	
<b>Jewellery and hair accessories</b>			 No dangly earrings	 No big bows

<p><b>Hair Styles</b> – please no unnatural colours</p>	 <p>Long hair needs to be tied up for PE (boys and girls)</p>			 <p>No coloured hair</p>
				
<p><b>Socks</b></p>	<p>Children should wear black, grey, or white socks.</p>    	<p>Children should not wear football or multi-coloured socks</p>  		

## Letter for Incorrect Uniform

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is persistently coming to school in the incorrect uniform. We consider that the wearing of the correct uniform is important in our school so can you please make sure that your child has ..... If this is not remedied within the school week, your child will be missing their lunch time play.

If there are exceptional circumstances why your child cannot be in the correct uniform please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Watkins

Deputy Head

Details of our school uniform policy can be found on the school website