



School Uniform Policy

March 2017

Maidensbridge Primary School School Uniform Policy





Rationale

At Maidensbridge Primary School, we believe that our school uniform is key element in promoting our ethos of having a strong community identity in the school. Uniform also promotes positive behaviours and discipline, as well as a good attitude to learning.



We also recognise the right for pupils to express their religious beliefs and their individuality whilst at school.

This policy is consistent with the advice given by the DfE in their document: 'School Uniform: Guidance for Schools (DfE, 2013)

Our core school uniform consists of:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A white polo shirt/shirt/blouse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey/charcoal/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maroon school sweatshirt with the school logo displayed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong and supportive black shoes. No trainers or open-toed footwear.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A pink gingham summer dress (Summer term only).	

Jewellery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One pair of low profile stud earrings.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child's watch


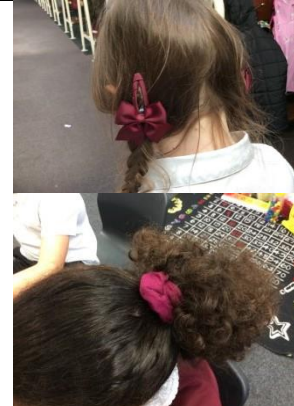
Eyewear

Children should only wear glasses that have been prescribed for them. Frames and lenses used in prescription glasses have been manufactured to a minimum safety standard.

Sun glasses should not be worn in school unless prescribed by an optician.

Hair accessories





We strongly advise that children with long hair take measures to tie hair up/back.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A low profile headband.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A small hair bobble or maroon tie/clip.

Please note: Children are not allowed to wear any item of make-up at school.

PE kit

During PE lessons, for health and safety reason, children will need to wear:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A white t-shirt (plain with no logos).
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A pair of maroon shorts.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black plimsolls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A pair of strong trainers (when undertaking outdoor activities).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sporting clothing such as joggers and tracksuits may be requested by class teachers for outdoor wear in colder months.	

Please note: There is an expectation that PE kit will always be available in school to enable all children to take part in at least two hours of PE per week. Failure of a child to produce a PE kit for PE will be considered a breach of this School Uniform Policy.

‘Reasonable variations’ to the school uniform policy

Every child is expected to attend school wearing the correct items of uniform shown above.

However, the school recognises the right of children to express themselves as individuals and/or their need to adhere to a particular religious dress code.

In this event, the school may grant a ‘reasonable variation’ of the school uniform policy to our children as long as a wearable item is not a risk to:-

- good order and school cohesion (the intended purpose of a prescribed school uniform).
- health and safety of themselves and others whilst on the school site.
- confidentiality and security of any member of the school community.
- learning attitudes within the classroom.

If a wearable item is deemed to risk the above, then the school will exclude such items from the school premises. This is particularly relevant when children wear items as part of a current trend or fashion.

There will also be extenuating circumstances when a child may attend school in an item of clothing/footwear, which is not recognised as part of our core school uniform. Eg Shoes are too small requiring a pair of black trainers to be worn.

In such cases it is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of this variation and rectify this within five working days.

Breaches of the School Uniform Policy

Staff have a responsibility to inform their line manager/Assistant headteacher if there is a continuous breach of this School Uniform Policy by a pupil. At this point, contact will be made with parents/carers to establish the circumstances that are preventing their child from wearing an item of uniform. The school aims to support families in ensuring their child/children have the correct uniform and will work with them to achieve a satisfactory resolution.

The purchase of school uniform items from school

The school sells a range of items of branded uniform which is provided for parents who wish to provide their child/children with branded items that feature the school logo/badge. These items are sold with a small mark-up in order to provide some income that the school uses to offset the cost of ordering and supplying such items.

However, our school uniform consists of only one compulsory branded item, which is the school jumper. Therefore parents are not obligated to buy items of uniform from

the school and may source these items from other suppliers without prejudice as long as they comply with this policy.

Governors of the school have an obligation to seek best value when seeking suppliers of school branded items of uniform.

Changes to the school uniform

Although very rare, it may be appropriate for a school to change its school uniform to reflect a change of circumstances and/or ethos. In this event, the school has to consider the impact upon families of the change and give good notice and consideration of the transition from one style of uniform to another.

Complaints about the school uniform policy

Complaints about this school uniform policy and how the school goes about ensuring its compliance needs to be made in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Written by D. Nolan (March 2017)

Ratified by Governors

Next review: July 2018