

School Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction:

For pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, school uniform can present additional challenges in respect of physical and sensory needs. This policy has been developed taking our school context into account and offering flexibility as well as allowing reasonable adjustments to be made.

We have also considered that for lots of pupils, wearing school uniform generates a sense of belonging and supports consistency and routine.

2. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to set out the expectations for parents, carers, staff, and pupils in relation to school uniform and identify what is and is not appropriate to wear to school.

3. School ethos and values:

We are a Unicef Rights Respecting School. The Rights Respecting School Award puts children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

Article 3 and article 28 are particularly relevant to this policy:

- All organisations concerned with children should work towards what's best for each child
- Children have the right to an education

No pupil at Mayfield School will be prevented from accessing education based on school uniform and we will work in partnership with families to ensure reasonable adjustments are made, considering special educational needs, disabilities and family context and circumstance.

4. School Uniform Expectations:

At Mayfield School, the uniform expectations are as follows and are not gender specific:

- Bottle green or maroon/burgundy jumper, cardigan, fleece or sweatshirt without visible logos or with the school logo
- Black trousers, skirt, tracksuit bottoms, culottes, knee length shorts or leggings with no visible logos
- White polo shirt, t-shirt or shirt without visible logos or with the school logo
- Black school shoes or trainers with low heel and no visible logos

There is no requirement for specific styles or colours of bags, coats or jackets.

5. Sixth Form Uniform

There is no requirement for sixth formers to wear school uniform but all pupils must refrain from wearing unacceptable items of clothing as detailed in the following section.

5.1 Unacceptable Items of Clothing:

Unacceptable items of clothing include:

- Clothing or accessories showing offensive language
- Clothing that is low cut or low slung and/or exposes private parts of the body
- Ripped or torn items of clothing

- Clothing with large logos or branding
- Clothing showing offensive images
- High heeled shoes, open toed sandals and flip flops/sliders
- Jewellery that could compromise the health and safety of pupils or others

We politely request that if you are unsure whether your child's clothing is in any of the categories above, you seek advice from their class team or the pastoral team. In the event that your child presents at school wearing unsuitable clothing a member of the class team or pastoral team will contact you to discuss further.

6. Cost of School Uniforms:

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that school uniforms are affordable, readily available and represent good value for money. Our school uniform requirements are reviewed annually to ensure that we are not making costly or excessive demands on families in relation to uniform requirements.

7. Where to Purchase School Uniforms:

We have extended our range of acceptable uniform colours so that items without logos can be purchased inexpensively from all major supermarkets and clothing retailers.

We also work in partnership with an online uniform supplier where you can purchase inexpensive school uniforms embroidered with the school logo by following the link below:

[Mayfield School – My Clothing](#)

8. Pre-loved Uniforms:

The school works in partnership with Rubery Swop Shop who provide pre-loved uniforms free of charge. Pre-loved uniforms are available for everyone, not just those experiencing financial hardship. You do not have to live in Rubery to access this service; it is available for all pupils at Mayfield School.

Using pre-loved uniforms can have a positive impact on the environment by preventing old clothing from ending up in landfills or incinerators.

If you would like pre-loved uniforms for your child, please contact a member of our pastoral team or contact the swop shop directly using the contact details here:

[Home | Rubery Schools Community Swop Shop \(ruberyswopshop.co.uk\)](#)

9. Enquiries:

If you have any questions about this policy please contact: enquiry@mayfield.eiat.org.uk

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.