# MAYBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **School Uniform Policy**

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#### Mission

Our values-based school nurtures curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, broad and engaging curriculum, where learning is at the heart of all that we do. Our children learn to become resilient and self-assured in an environment where safety is outstanding. Everyone is challenged and encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring and active citizens in modern Britain.

#### **Vision statement**

Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

#### Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

#### Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The <u>Equality Act 2010</u> prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief.

#### Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory <u>guidance</u> from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

#### We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## Expectations for our school uniform Our school's uniform

School Uniform	PE kit
Sky blue polo shirt (branded with school logo)	Sky blue P.E T-shirt (branded with school logo)
Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo or navy blue cardigan (branded with school logo)	Navy shorts or jogging bottoms (generic item)
KS2 children (from year 3) a sky blue shirt and tie (generic item)	Navy hoodie (optional)
Grey trousers or grey skirt (generic item)	(generic item)
Plain grey socks (generic item)	
Summer Uniform (optional) Blue/ white checked dresses or grey pinafore dresses may be worn in the summer (generic item)	
Plain navy or white tights or white socks (not leggings) (generic item)	
Footwear	PE footwear
Sensible black shoes (not trainers) (generic item)	Trainers (generic item)
School Bag	
Book bag (branded with school logo) for Reception and KS1 ONLY Small school bag / rucksack (generic item) for KS2 ONLY	

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#### **Purchasing School Uniform**

School uniform can be purchased from School Uniform Direct. There is the option of either ordering online at www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk or by visiting their shop conveniently located in West Byfleet, (1 Park Court, 1 Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6SD) Tel: 01932 354406.

All items of uniform without the school logo (generic) can also can be purchased from other high street stores or supermarkets.

Maybury's Pre-loved Uniform Team host sales every half-term. Details of these will be advertised on the school's website and newsletter.

In addition to our own pre-loved uniform sales, our uniform supplier, School Uniform Direct is partnered with oldschooluniform.co.uk to give parents and schools the opportunity to offer their pre-loved uniform to other parents.

We are committed to supporting our school community and we encourage parents to contact our Home School Link Workers should they require assistance with purchasing school uniform.

#### Technology

Although we encourage children to wear watches in school, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC (for example: messaging, videos and photography), on the school site. We know that smart watches can be a valuable and important resource for our children; we frequently discuss safe use of these devices, both in general and as part of our online safety lessons.

Additionally, please can I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception to this ruling is for Year 6 children, when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk some distance to and from school, and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency. On arrival, the phone should be handed in to your child's class teacher, who will store it in a lockable drawer and return it at the end of the school day. The school accepts no liability for loss or damage while on school premises, and if it has been found that a phone is being used inappropriately on school grounds, it will be confiscated.

#### PE kits

Children will come to school wearing the PE kit two days each week, on the remaining 3 days children will be expected to wear the full school uniform. A timetable detailing what days are allocated to each class will be made available on the <a href="school website">school website</a> and in the newsletter.

#### **Outdoor clothing**

On cold days, children will always need coats, hats and gloves, as they will still play outside. Please ensure your child keeps a pair of named wellie boots in school to enable the outdoor learning to take place whatever the weather.

#### **Jewellery and Hairstyles**

Jewellery, earrings, nail varnish and trainers must not be worn in school.

No extreme hairstyles are permitted including overly spiked, sculptured, shaved areas and razor lines/pictures. No shorter than grade 2. If in doubt, please ask before a visit to the hairdresser/barbers.

#### Review

This policy is reviewed on a two-year cycle.