

Mereside Primary Academy

Uniform Policy 2025 – 2026



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Mereside Primary Academy Uniform policy

Why do we have a school uniform?

At Mereside Primary Academy all our children are expected to wear our school uniform as we believe a uniform helps to:

- promote the ethos of our school
- provide a sense of belonging and identity
- set an appropriate tone for education
- ensure children are dressed practically and safely for all lessons and sport
- enhance safeguarding, ensuring all children can be identified as belonging to Mereside Primary Academy

Academy uniforms play an important role in promoting a sense of community and belonging. In accordance with the Equality Act 2010, FCAT is committed to making reasonable adjustments if a pupil's SEN needs or their disability is identified as a barrier to wearing a specific uniform item. Agreed adjustments will be determined on a case by case basis. Adjustments must be formally noted within the pupil's SEN Support Plan (K) or Specialist Support Plan (E).

Roles and Responsibilities:

This policy identifies the responsibilities, regarding school uniform, of the school, parents/carers and the pupils who attend Mereside Primary Academy. These responsibilities are outlined below. Mereside Primary Academy will develop and implement a uniform policy which is practical, inclusive and ensures the cost of the uniform is reasonable and secures best value for money. This will include:

- Publishing this policy and uniform list on the school website so it is available for parents/carers to access
- Consider any adaptations required for pupils with protected characteristics. Any adaptations to the uniform policy and uniform list must be discussed and agreed with the Headteacher
- Ensure support is available for families who are unable to purchase the full uniform from our Family Hub
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications
- Ensure no pupil is discouraged from participating in any aspect of school life, such as inter school competitions, because of the cost of additional uniform requirements
- Ensure our branded items are kept to a minimum and only include items that are long lasting single use items such as school jumpers (where items are linked to house colours, Mereside Primary will ensure siblings are in the same house)

- Ensure that the majority of the uniform can be purchased from a range of suppliers including local supermarkets including Asda, Tesco, Morrisons, Lidl and Matalan.
- Where an item can only be purchased from a single supplier contract i.e. our First Class Kids, we will run regular tendering competitions where more than one supplier can

- compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract will be retendered at least every 5 years.

Mereside Primary Academy will provide the first branded sports hoodie free of charge when a child joins the academy.

Uniform requirements:



Daily school wear is as follows:

- For both boys and girls a white polo shirt and school jumper should be worn with dark grey skirts, pinafores or trousers.
- Plain white or grey socks or plain tights. Plain black school shoes – No trainers

All of the above items/item choices are all required on a day to day basis. Within this the jumper is the only branded item that is required. This can be purchased from Mereside

Primary Academy. The other items are not branded and can be purchased at your choice of retailer, including local supermarkets.

PE wear is as follows:

- PE wear is to be worn on PE days only and includes a coloured T-shirt matching the child's house colour, a Mereside sports jumper, plain black pants - leggings or joggers whilst plain black pumps or trainers are also required.
- The sports jumper is the only branded item above and this can be purchased through school only. (although a coloured t-shirt can also be purchased from school if you so wish).
- Upon admission to school all children will receive a free sports jumper. The other items are not branded and can be purchased at your choice of retailer.

Current Prices:

Uniform Item	Cost (Children's Sizes)	Cost Adult (S/M/Lg) Sizes
Royal Blue School Jumper	£10	£14
White Polo Shirt	£8	£10
PE Hoody	£16	£18
PE T'Shirts	£6	£7.50
PE Shorts	£5	£7
Book Bag	£7	

Parents / Carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school dressed smartly in the school uniform listed on the website and, if required, has the appropriate uniform for the lessons they will participate in during the day e.g. PE lesson
- Inform school office/family support if they require support to provide the specified uniform for their child. The school will work with our parents/carers to support them to ensure their child/children have the correct uniform.
- Understand teachers will expect all pupils to wear the agreed uniform at the correct time and maintain a smart appearance.

Pre-Loved Uniform:

We have a range of pre-loved uniform available in school for parents to access at a reduced cost. Please ask Mrs Taylor-Royston in the Family Hub to see what is available.