



# **Millbrook Primary School Uniform Policy**

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform (see below, in our school prospectus or on the school website).
- 1.2** We have high expectations for all our children and our school uniform is one obvious area where the children and their parents can share these expectations. Extremes of fashion are neither acceptable nor appropriate for school in clothes, footwear, accessories or hair styles.

We believe that if you 'dress smart, you think smart!'

## **2 Aims and objectives**

- 2.1** Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
  - engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
  - is practical and smart;
  - identifies the children with the school;
  - is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
  - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
  - is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
  - has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## **3 Jewellery**

- 3.1** On health and safety grounds, children should not wear jewellery in school. This includes bracelets, necklaces and rings. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears, wrist watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or, if this is not possible for a short time, cover them with a plaster. If children wear earrings they should be able to remove and replace them independently. We are unable to take responsibility for any jewellery, watches or precious items brought to school should they be lost or damaged.

## **4 Haircuts and hairstyles**

- 4.1** Just as we expect children to dress appropriately for school, we also expect them to adopt a suitable, age appropriate hairstyle, which does not inhibit vision or impact on their learning or wellbeing. We do not allow extreme hairstyles, such as unnatural hair colouring, tramlines, shaven heads, rats tails, excessively long fringes, undercuts, logos or any other style that could draw attention to the child and single them out from the rest of the school. If, as a school, we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable we will ask for this to be rectified.
- 4.2** Long hair should be neatly tied back whenever possible. Hair accessories should be functional, rather than decorative, and either the same colour as the hair or one of the colours in our school uniform (purple, black, grey or white).

## **5 Footwear**

- 5.1** The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. The wearing of shoes with heels, flip-flops or sling-backs can be especially dangerous and children will be approached by teachers to change them if the need arises. Black sensible flat shoes or black trainers, suitable for active playtimes, should be worn.

## **6 Other**

Denim clothes are not acceptable. Shorts (worn outside of PE), dresses and skirts should fall below mid-thigh.

## **7 The role of parents**

- 7.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 7.2** It is the responsibility of the parent and child to ensure that when children are timetabled for PE and games, they arrive with the appropriate kit.
- 7.3** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests but will take account of government guidance. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then in consultation with the headteacher modifications can be made.

## **8 The role of governors**

- 8.1** The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly.
- 8.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities and race equality.
- 8.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **9 Monitoring and review**

- 9.1** When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body may:
- seek the views of parents
  - consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
  - require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.
- 9.2** This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

## **School Uniform List**

Purple sweatshirt/fleece/cardigan  
Purple polo top  
Black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts  
Purple and white check summer dresses  
Black shoes, trainers or boots

### **PE Kit**

Purple t-shirt  
Black shorts  
Black or white trainers

### **Bags**

Every child will require the purple school book/homework bag.  
We recommend a drawstring purple or black PE bag.

### **Other items that may be useful**

A summer hat to wear outside when hot.  
Black/purple jogging bottoms for cold weather

A one piece swimming costume and towel is required when your child has swimming lessons – usually in Year 3/4

### **Uniform Swap Shop**

We stock a small selection of second hand uniform. Items can be purchased for a small donation or swapped for another item of clothing. All we ask is that any item you swap is clean and in good condition.

### **Lost Property or Clothing**

It is essential that **all** clothing is **clearly named**. Where clothing is labelled it can easily be returned to its owner. Unclaimed lost property or clothing will be disposed of at the end of each term or put into our Swap Shop.