

## Mullion Primary School

## School Uniform Policy.

### Introduction

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 all the items needed for the children's school uniform in this policy. This policy is aimed to help parents/carers support their children and the school and to avoid any confusion over the expectations of the school.

### Aims and objectives

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.

As part of our ethos we would like all children to wear the correct uniform properly at all times. This includes to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms. It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger children are able to manage their own clothes and shoes (no laces). This should be considered when purchasing school uniform.

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

### School Uniform

- School sweatshirt with the approved logo
- Green polo shirt with the school embroidered badge
- Dark grey trousers or knee length grey skirt
- Black/grey socks (boys)
- White/grey socks or plain grey/black tights (girls)
- Plain flat black shoes

### Alternatively in warmer weather

- Blue and white checked gingham dress
- Knee length dark grey trouser shorts.

### PE Uniform

**Please be aware that it is expected that PE kit will be left in school it is therefore sensible to have trainers that are inexpensive as they may be used sparingly during certain times of the year. There may be times that pupils may change into this uniform e.g. if they fall in the playground and rip their clothes or become excessively muddy.**

- Round neck t shirt in the colour of the pupils house (red, yellow, blue or green) printed with the logo of the school.
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Hair band to tie back long hair
- PE kit should be in a named draw - string bag.

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- Black or grey tracksuit bottoms may be used in colder months. These will not be allowed for indoor PE.

### **Foot wear**

It is both practical and safer for children to wear flat and sensible shoes. Platform soles or high heels are not suited for the busy school day.

Shoes must be changed for P.E.

### **Jewellery, hair and make-up.**

All children are expected to leave jewellery, make up and fashion hairstyles for the weekends and holiday times. Items that are considered makeup include – nail varnish, foundation, eye makeup, transfer tattoos, lipstick.

Children are not allowed to come to school with extreme or outlandish hairstyles that cause a distraction to others.

The only jewellery permitted in school on health and safety grounds is a wristwatch and a medical bracelet.

Watches should be removed and medical bracelets covered with a sweatband to partake in P.E. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, or storage of watches.

Earrings are **strongly discouraged** in school on health and safety ground. If parents opt for their child to wear earrings, they must only be small studs, either silver or gold. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings.

Children who are participating in P.E., swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities must not wear earrings. On days when these activities are scheduled children must leave their earrings at home. We do not want pupils removing and replacing earrings. This is due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen and the spread of infections.

It is therefore recommended that children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. Children who are participating in P.E., swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities should leave earrings at home. We do not want pupils removing and replacing earrings. This is due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen and the spread of infections.

### **Non-compliance with school uniform policy.**

The head teacher can discipline pupils for breach of uniform policy. This may mean exclusion if a child persistently breaches school uniform policy. Children will be sent home with a note to parents highlighting the breach of policy and asking them to remedy the breach. However, the school will endeavour to establish the reasons for non-compliance and will be sensitive if parents are in financial difficulty. The school may loan missing items of uniform to ensure that children do not feel discriminated against, should parents be unable or unwilling to provide them with the required items of uniform.

No child will be disciplined for non-compliance because of a particular cultural, race or religious dress code.

### **Role of Parents and Governors**

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious

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objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a child with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

The Board of Governors supports the Head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its work, the Board of Governors will:

- Seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- Consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
- Require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Governors every four years, or earlier if considered necessary.

### School uniform is available from the following outlets:

Trousers, gingham dresses, socks, shoes, trainers. -Tesco , Sainsbury's, Asda, other high street retailers. School bags, embroidered jade polo shirts, embroidered sweatshirts, PE t-shirts, embroidered school coats (optional) - Whirlwind sports, Helston and online at <https://www.whirlwindsports.com/>.

### Amendment during COVID

**On days when PE is planned children should arrive in their PE kit. This will enable children to be ready for PE without the need to get changed.**

### Appendix one



Our school uniform policy outlines the expectations for pupils when attending school and is available to read on our website.

Please check the following as it has been noted that your child is not following this policy.

### Day to day uniform.

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### For PE

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### Jewellery and fashion items.

- Earrings
- Rings

**I thank you for your support in following the school policy.**