



UNIFORM POLICY

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1 Introduction and aims

1.1 At Marleigh Primary Academy (MPA) we believe that uniform is important for the following reasons:

- Promoting a sense of pride in our academy.
- Creating a sense of community and belonging.
- Identifying children with the school.
- Supporting our commitment to equality and inclusion.
- Preventing children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class.
- It is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.
- It is considered good value for money.

1.2 It is therefore MPA policy that all children wear uniform, including when participating in off-site events.

1.3 ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING NEED TO BE NAMED.

2 Academy Uniform List

2.1 MPA uniform colour is a combination of purple and white/grey/black. Most items can be bought either online or from High Street shops or supermarkets. Most items are also available via the link on our website.

2.2 The only items available with the Marleigh Primary Academy or Nursery logo are sweaters, cardigans, book bags and PE bags. These are all optional.

2.3 Uniform items:

- Purple sweater (without hood) or cardigan (with or without Marleigh Primary Academy or Marleigh Nursery logo)
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers
or
- Purple and white gingham dress
- Purple or white polo-shirt, blouse or shirt
- Purple, white, grey or black socks or tights

3 Footwear

- 3.1 All children are required to wear flat, black shoes without logos.
- 3.2 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.
- 3.3 Trainers are not suitable for all day footwear, as they pose a health risk caused by the feet sweating.
- 3.4 Children need to be able to do up shoes on their own. Velcro is therefore ideal.
- 3.5 Please do not send in your child in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.
- 3.6 Open-toed sandals can pose the risk of feet being trodden on and hurt. If parents choose to send children in with open-toed sandals, this risk must be accepted by them.

4 Jewellery, Hair, Make-up and Nail Varnish

- 4.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note, teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and so children need to be able to do this themselves.
- 4.2 In line with guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission: [Preventing hair discrimination in schools](#), 2022, we will ensure that pupils (including those with Afro-textured hair or hairstyles) are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, disability or sex. Pupils will be allowed to celebrate their cultural, family and social customs and identity.
- 4.3 Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons, as well as to reduce the risk of catching/spreading head lice. Hair bands etc. should be small and discrete. Pupils will be asked to remove anything deemed unsuitable.
- 4.4 Makeup and nail varnish must not be worn.

5 P.E. Kit

- 5.1 Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E. (for health and

hygiene reasons) and a suitable bag in which to keep the kit at school.

5.2 P.E. kit and P.E. bags may be bought via the school website (with logos), or found in high street shops or supermarkets. Draw-string bags which do not take up too much room are ideal.

5.3 All P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

5.4 P.E. items:

- White T-shirt (different from their one worn as part of their daily uniform)
- Black shorts
- A pair of plimsolls and trainers (for outdoor P.E.)
- Jogging bottoms or leggings and sweatshirt or track jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather

5.5 For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for P.E. under any circumstances. Your child's teacher will advise you when P.E. lessons take place so that earrings can be removed prior to attending school.

6 Outdoor Learning

6.1 In addition to the uniform list, children will sometimes be asked to either come in, or bring to change into, clothes suitable for outdoor learning. These will depend on the time of year and activity and will be communicated to parents/carers at the time, via class teachers.

7 Financial support

7.1 If you are having financial difficulties with any part of this policy, please talk to us and we will do all we can to support you.