

Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School, we believe that school uniform plays an important role in promoting pride, belonging and a strong sense of community. Our uniform helps pupils feel part of the Mapplewells family and supports our commitment to equality, inclusion and high expectations for all.

We aim to ensure that our uniform is practical, comfortable, affordable and inclusive, enabling all pupils to participate fully in school life.

Aims of the Policy

This policy aims to:

- Promote a sense of identity and belonging within the school community.
- Support positive behaviour and attitudes for learning.
- Reduce distractions and competition linked to clothing choices.
- Ensure that pupils are dressed appropriately for school activities.
- Promote equality and avoid discrimination.
- Provide clarity and consistency for parents and carers.
- Ensure that the cost of uniform remains reasonable and affordable.
- Support pupils' health, safety and wellbeing.

Affordability Commitment

Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School is committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform represents good value for money.

Parents and carers are not required to purchase branded items unless they choose to do so. Generic uniform items available from supermarkets and local retailers are perfectly acceptable.

The school will:

- Keep the number of branded items to a minimum.
- Regularly review uniform costs.
- Maintain access to pre-loved uniform where possible.
- Consider affordability when making decisions about uniform requirements.

No pupil will be disadvantaged because of their family's financial circumstances.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

Upper Body

- White tailored shirt or white polo shirt.



- Royal blue polo shirt (optional).
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- School fleece (optional).

Lower Body

- Plain black or grey tailored trousers.
- Plain black or grey tailored shorts.
- Plain black or grey skirt.
- Plain black or grey pinafore dress.
- Blue checked school dress (summer option).

Footwear

- Plain black school shoes.
- Plain black trainers may be worn provided they are entirely black and do not display prominent logos or coloured markings.

Socks and Tights

- Plain black, grey or white socks.
- Plain black, grey or white tights.

All pupils are expected to attend school wearing clean, safe and appropriate clothing suitable for learning and play.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

Pupils should attend school in their PE kit on designated PE days. Class teachers will inform parents of PE days at the start of each term.

PE kit consists of:

- White short-sleeved t-shirt or polo shirt.
- Royal blue shorts.
- Plain black, grey or white socks.
- Trainers for outdoor activities.
- Plimsolls where required for indoor activities.
- Plain tracksuit in blue, grey or black for colder weather.

Swimming

Girls

- A one-piece swimming costume.

Boys



- Swimming trunks or shorts that fit securely and have no pockets.

All swimming requirements will follow guidance provided by Nottinghamshire County Council Swimming Services.

Labelling Property

To reduce lost property and maximise the return of misplaced items, all clothing, footwear and PE kit should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name

Jewellery, Watches and Personal Belongings

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school.

The following exceptions apply:

- One pair of small stud earrings.
- One simple wristwatch appropriate for primary-aged children.

The following are not permitted:

- Hooped earrings.
- Necklaces.
- Bracelets.
- Rings.
- Smart watches capable of communication, photography, internet access or recording.

Pupils must remove or safely cover all jewellery, including earrings, during PE lessons, sporting activities and other physical activities.

The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to jewellery, watches, mobile phones or other valuable items brought onto school premises.

Mobile Phones

Where it is essential for a pupil to bring a mobile phone to school, parents should inform the school.

Mobile phones must:

- Be switched off before entering the school premises.
- Be handed to the school office upon arrival.
- Remain stored securely during the school day.
- Be collected at the end of the school day.

Pupils must not use mobile phones anywhere on the school site during school hours.

Hair, Appearance and Make-Up

We want all pupils to take pride in their appearance while recognising individuality and diversity.

Therefore:

- Hairstyles should be neat, safe and appropriate for school.
- Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety.
- Hair accessories should be simple and appropriate for school colours.
- Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn.
- Non-natural hair colours are not permitted.

The school recognises and respects hairstyles associated with cultural, ethnic and religious identity and will work with families to ensure these are accommodated appropriately

Religious, Cultural and Medical Adjustments

Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School welcomes reasonable adaptations to uniform requirements where these are required for:

- Religious observance.
- Cultural practices.
- Medical needs.
- Disability requirements.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss such requirements with the Headteacher so that appropriate arrangements can be agreed.

Equality, Inclusion and SEND Considerations

The school is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

Where a pupil has:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND),
- Sensory processing difficulties,
- Medical conditions,
- Physical disabilities,

reasonable adjustments will be considered to ensure that pupils can access school comfortably, safely and with dignity.

Each case will be considered individually in consultation with families and relevant professionals when necessary.



School Bags

Pupils should bring a bag that is suitable for carrying reading books, homework and other essential school items.

To support health and safety in cloakrooms:

- Bags should be small enough to fit on designated pegs.
- Large backpacks and oversized bags should be avoided where possible.
- Pupils should not bring unnecessary items into school.

This helps keep cloakroom areas safe and organised.

Supporting Families

We recognise that there may occasionally be circumstances that affect a family's ability to meet uniform expectations.

Where concerns arise, the school will work positively and sensitively with parents and carers to find practical solutions.

Pupils will not be excluded from education because of uniform-related issues. Instead, we will seek to provide appropriate support and guidance while maintaining high expectations for all pupils.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and Governors will monitor the implementation of this policy to ensure that:

- It remains affordable.
- It supports equality and inclusion.
- It reflects current statutory guidance.
- It continues to meet the needs of pupils and families.

The policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if changes in legislation or guidance require it.