



## School Uniform Policy



**We are proud of our Smart, practical, affordable Millfields School uniform**

### **Rationale:**

At Millfields, we encourage all of our students to wear their school uniform with pride. Our uniform is smart, simple, practical and affordable. It encourages a sense of school togetherness and promotes a professional attitude towards learning. It engenders a sense of community and belonging towards our school, identifies the children of our school, provides equality in terms of appearance and is designed with health and safety in mind.

In September there will be a school uniform crackdown which will be a small part of our wider strategies for driving up standards, expectations and aspirations of all our pupils. We are reinforcing to our pupils and to all parents and families that all successful organisations require rules and that if children are to succeed in school and in work they have to respect them.

We need to raise our game, but cannot do it on our own. We need your support. We need the continuous backing and involvement of all parents, families and your communities in order for all our children to thrive and become successful citizens. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. 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. **All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.**

### **Communication:**

If your child breaks the rules when it comes to school uniform, they could face the following sanctions which have been agreed by the Head Teacher and Governing Body.

We will contact you verbally, by phone and by letter:

- The school can send your child home with you to change or ask you to bring in appropriate clothing
- If the uniform policy continues to be breached, your child may be excluded within school; e.g. doing their work away from their class
- More serious punishments are considered if your child's disregard of uniform policy is persistent and defiant. This may involve suspension or exclusion from school.

### **Cost:**

When deciding on the uniform policy we have given high priority to cost considerations. The school uniform has been sourced and priced so as not to leave children or their families feeling excluded. The cost of a uniform therefore does not stop parents from sending their child to Millfields. Our school uniform is available to be purchased from [www.YourSchooluniform.com](http://www.YourSchooluniform.com) or Crossbow Schoolwear: 31 Broadway Market, Hackney, London E8 4PH 020 7923 9313 Email: CROSSBOW.SCHOOLWEAR@HOTMAIL.COM

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We have Second Hand school Uniform sales where you can purchase good quality value second hand items

**Millfields School Uniform:**

Summer Uniform		Winter Uniform		PE Kit and Bag	
					

**Summer Uniform:**

Blue and white checked dress/ Blue/white Polo shirt / Navy sweatshirt or cardigan/ Visible white socks (ie no 'trainer socks') or Navy blue leggings / Solid black school shoes or black trainers

**Winter Uniform:**

White long or short sleeve shirt /Navy Fleece or sweatshirt/ Box pleat navy Skirt or pinafore / Navy Trousers/Solid black school shoes or black trainers/navy blue tights/leggings and or black socks

**Footwear:**

Pupils must wear closed-toed, , all black or navy blue plain shoes or trainers with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. If shoes have laces they should be black. Children should not wear shoes with heels. The shoes children wear should be appropriate to the weather conditions. For example, closed toe black or navy blue sandals are permitted in the summer months and black or navy blue boots are allowed in the colder months



**Seasonal safety:**

All children require a waterproof coat with a hood in school as the weather is changeable, cold or wet. Wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by wearing a hat or cap

**PE Kit:**

**Indoor-** White T-shirt/Navy blue shorts or Navy blue leggings/black plimsolls

**Outdoor or cooler weather** - White T-shirt /Navy Blue jogging bottoms/trainers

We encourage all of our students to change into PE kit for all PE activities. It is important that children learn from the earliest age that different clothing is appropriate for different activities. To be able to participate fully in PE lessons children need to be dressed in a way which allows full freedom of movement. Football kit is not appropriate clothing for PE. PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.

Children attend swimming lessons throughout their time at Millfields. During these lessons, school expects our children to have the appropriate swimwear. This consists of swimming trunks/bathing costume, a bathing cap and towel. Bathing caps can be purchased from the swimming baths on your child's first visit. Swimming goggles are optional. Any child who does not have appropriate clothing may be withdrawn from PE lessons thereby missing a vital part of the school curriculum.

**Hair:**

No 'extreme' hairstyles are allowed, including tram-lines, pattern, aggressively shaven (Number one) boys hair, or use of hair colourants or dyes. It is essential to tie back long hair during the school day so that it does not distract children when working. Also loose hair causes greater problems with head lice.

**Hats, Headscarves or Headwear:**

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (blue or black).

**Jewellery:**

On Health and Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Wristwatches are encouraged for all children, but nose studs, bangles, necklaces or other types of jewellery are not permitted.

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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 on religious grounds, 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 pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

As a parent/carer your assistance in enforcing the uniform policy will be gratefully received. Children should not need to lose valuable time away from their education to address situations regarding any uniform issues if they are correctly attired and presented.

*Last Updated June 2019*