Mab’s Cross Primary School

School Uniform Policy

May 2026

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This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money.
- Explain how we avoid discrimination in-line with our legal duties under the Equality Act.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

Our policy is based on the intentions that our school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of identity and community
- Protes a sense of pride in our school and has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes.
- Promotes equality, making children feel equal to their peers.
- Sets an appropriate tone for education.
- Identifies children within our school, particularly when taking part in activities and visits outside of school.

Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, including age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform based on sex, to give all children the opportunity to wear the items of uniform they feel most comfortable in.
- Allow all children to style their hair in a way that is appropriate to school, however reserving the right to ask that long hair be tied back, and unnatural hair colours be avoided.
- Allow children to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments if they are in keeping with the school colours.
- Allow children with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform dependent on specific need.
- Offer second-hand uniform to purchase in school.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with the statutory guidance from the Department of Education. We understand that items with our school logo or design cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers.

To support parents and carers we will:

- Limit the number of required items which are distinctive to our school, in-line with the most recent government advice.
- Consider cheaper alternatives to distinctive items where possible.
- Avoid different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Put in place arrangements for parents to acquire second-hand items through our ‘uniform shop’.

- Consult with parents and carers on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy.

Expectations for school uniform

Below are the details of our uniform. Where possible, we have tried to give alternatives which can reduce the cost overall. The items with school logo are available from Impressions (Standish), Slaters and Top Marks.

- Mab's Cross check skirt or pinafore
- Grey trousers
- Pale blue cotton shirt
- Mab's Cross tie – elastic or clip
- Navy blue sweater with school logo.
- Black shoes – no trainers please

In warmer months children can wear light blue gingham check dresses, or grey short trousers if preferred.

P.E.

On P.E. days children come to school wearing their P.E. kit, as follows:

- A pair of pumps or trainers
- Our school navy P.E. t-shirt with logo, or a plain navy t-shirt (no branding)
- Navy blue shorts (not Nike Pro type)
- On cooler days, we have a school tracksuit, embroidered with our logo, available from the suppliers above. Alternatively, children can wear plain navy jogging bottoms or leggings and their school jumper.

Jewellery is not allowed, with the exception of a watch. However, any type of watch with a recording device or camera is not allowed. For health and safety reasons earrings are not permitted in school, however we do allow children to wear the clear plastic retainers.

Long hair should be tied back with a bobble or headband in line with the school colours. Extreme hair colours or styles, such as shaved patterns, are not acceptable.

Nail varnish and/ or false nails should not be worn.

Please ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name clearly marked on them. Thank you.

Governors

The Governing Body have agreed this policy, and will review it to make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school context.
- Is implemented fairly.
- Offers a uniform that is practical and safe.
- Gives priority to cost and value for money.

This policy will be reviewed every three years.