

Mulberry Wood Wharf Uniform policy

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1. Rationale

Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary seeks to be inclusive and for this reason, a uniform policy has been instituted by the local governing body of the school. The policy reflects the diversity of our society and the local community which Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary serves. The uniform which the school expects all pupils to wear who come to the school is sensitive to the cultural and religious beliefs and the socio-economic circumstances of our pupils and their families. It allows for flexibility so that there is equity within diversity.

2. Key Principles

The key principles that underpin the policy are set out below. These are common across the Mulberry Schools Trust. They reflect the fact that Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary is a mixed primary school and a secular school which provides for the needs of children from diverse cultural, social, religious and non-religious backgrounds. The uniform code is set out within this context.

3. Statutory duties

The school has been mindful of its statutory duties to:

- Promote community cohesion
- Promote understanding between groups in society
- To promote equality
- Fulfil its duties to ensure that children's rights are promoted with regard to:
 - a) physical and mental health and emotional well-being
 - b) protection from harm and neglect
 - c) education, training and recreation
 - d) the contribution made by them to society
 - e) social and economic well-being

The school's statutory Equality Policy states how the school seeks to fulfil these duties.

4. Promoting the aims of the school

The uniform policy is intended to promote the values and aims of the school by:

- **Resilience** – instils a sense of pride and belonging, encouraging pupils to persevere and maintain a positive attitude even when facing difficulties.
- **Respect** – promotes equality and respect among pupils by minimising socio-economic differences, helping children to treat each other with respect.
- **Kindness** – creates a cohesive school environment where kindness and supportive interactions are emphasised.
- **Active** – provides practical and comfortable attire that enables pupils to participate actively in both academic and extracurricular activities.
- **Community** – fosters a sense of unity and community within the school, encouraging pupils to feel connected and involved.
- **Creativity** – offers a simple, consistent framework that allows pupils to focus their creative energies on learning and personal development rather than attire.

The uniform policy contributes to these aims by promoting:

- cohesion among pupils
- pride in the school
- respect for different traditions where these do not conflict with the school's statutory duties and aims

The uniform policy aims:

- To avoid frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- To avoid different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- To support the needs of children in their education, ensuring that it is practical and sensible, suitable for moving easily around the school site and suitable for a variety of learning environments including practical activities and formal events
- To uphold the school's ethos of equity within diversity
- To ensure that there is sensitivity towards religious observance wherever possible
- To ensure that health and safety is promoted for every pupil in the school

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with guidance from the Mulberry Schools Trust and statutory **guidance** from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

In line with our commitment to make uniform affordable to all, the following uniform items are compulsory and branded with the Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary logo. All other uniform items can be purchased from suppliers of the families' choice.

Compulsory, branded uniform

- Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Purple or white polo shirt with school logo

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Branded uniform

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- Purple or white polo shirt with school logo

Sweatshirts, cardigans or polo shirts without logos are also acceptable but must be in the school colours noted in the uniform list.

Second-hand uniform

In addition, the school regularly promotes recycling in its school communications and runs a scheme that allows parents to donate unwanted uniform items to us. We then keep these in stock and can provide second-hand uniform free of charge to our families. Please contact school reception to find out more about this.

School Uniform List

Our pupils look very smart in the following uniform, which we expect them to wear at all times. We want everyone to be proud of belonging to Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary and we want our pupils to wear their uniforms with pride.

Our uniform consists of:

- A purple sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Purple or white polo shirt with school logo
- Black trousers, black skirt or black pinafore
- Lilac/purple school gingham dress - **To be worn during spring and summer terms only**
- Black shoes
- If a headscarf is worn this should be black, white or purple

Our PE kit consists of:

- A white polo shirt with school logo
- Black jogging bottoms or black shorts
- Black plimsolls or suitable trainers

Please remember when you are buying new uniform for Reception children:

- Children are to wear trousers not jogging bottoms to school
- Hoodies are not allowed
- Leggings (if worn under a dress) should be black

Our uniform stockists

School uniform items that contain the school logo can be obtained from local suppliers Khalsa Schoolwear or Ocean Designs Schoolwear Ltd at the addresses below.

All other uniform items can be obtained from suppliers chosen by parents/carers.

Khalsa Schoolwear
388 Bethnal Green Road
London
E2 0AH

Tel: 020 7729 3286

Ocean Designs Schoolwear Ltd
10 Watney Market
London
E1 2PR

Tel: 020 7702 8881