



Millhouse

Primary School and Nursery

Pupil Uniform Policy

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At Millhouse Primary School and Nursery we expect all pupils to attend school dressed appropriately for the day ahead. We encourage children to 'be smart and think smart'. We believe that coming to school dressed smartly and taking pride in their presentation also encourages the children to take more pride and put more effort into their learning. By wearing the school uniform, it also shows the children they are an equal part of our school community and prepares them for the uniform expectations at secondary school and dress codes in the world of work.

We recognise that children are still individuals and that they sometimes want to show this in the way they dress for school, so our policy reflects this in an age-appropriate way. We ask that parents support the school in ensuring the children wear school uniform and follow the policy.

This policy forms part of our Behaviour Policy as it links to the expectations we have of children in school.

The following sets out our expectations:

School Uniform

Nursery children: white polo shirt, school sweatshirt with the school logo on, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore (or grey jogging bottoms if the child finds this easier while settling in), black shoes (Velcro fastening are best).

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1): white polo shirt (with or without the school logo), school sweatshirt with the school logo on, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, black shoes (no boots or trainers). Reception and Key Stage 1 children may wear a white shirt and school tie if they wish, but this is optional.

Years 3-6 (Key Stage 2): white shirt (not polo shirt), school tie, school sweatshirt with the school logo on, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, black shoes (no boots or trainers).

In summer, a yellow checked dress may be worn instead; a tie is not needed if a child is wearing this.

Leggings should not be worn either as trousers or under skirts.

Children are encouraged to wear their uniform smartly and should tuck in shirts and polo shirts and wear their ties at an appropriate length.

PE Kit

Black shorts, white or orange T-shirt (with or without the school logo), plimsolls (indoor PE), trainers (outside PE), jogging bottoms (outside PE during colder months).

Children will do PE outside throughout the year, unless it is extremely bad weather, so it is important that they have warmer clothes to wear.

Outdoor Learning

Change of clothes (old), wellies or old trainers, coat or jacket (for colder or rainy days).

Jewellery

Children can wear a simple watch and small stud-style earrings only. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Hair Styles

Extreme hair styles such as bold colours, mohawks, Mohicans etc are not appropriate however most other hair styles are acceptable (if in doubt, please ask a member of staff). We would encourage

children with long hair to wear it tied back as this will keep it out of their faces, avoid it being tangled and help prevent the dreaded headlice infestation! Long hair will also need to be tied back for PE lessons so please make sure your child has a hair band to use.

Accessorising

Children may wear hair bows, headbands etc providing they are sensible and do not prevent them or others from carrying out normal school tasks. We do not mind different colours! Hair extensions or add-ons such as glitter or rainbow braids are not suitable.

Tights and socks that can be seen should be white, black or grey but socks worn under trousers can be as zany as you like!

As our pupils are only young children, we do not feel that make up is suitable for school wear. Please leave this for parties!

Nail polish may be worn as long as it is not too bright, however, false nails are not suitable as they prevent children from holding a pen or pencil properly and can also be dangerous during playtimes and PE lessons.

Outerwear

Depending on the weather, children should wear appropriate outer clothing. If it is cold, children must come to school with a suitable coat. If it is hot, we would encourage children to wear a sun hat. Children may wear different footwear outside if the weather is wet or cold but must change back into their black school shoes when inside.

Nursery and reception children will need a pair of wellies in school at all times.

How do you buy the correct uniform?

Our school sweatshirts, polo shirts and PE T-shirts (all with the school logo on) can be bought from the school uniform shop in Timberlog Lane. Please speak to the school office for more details.

School ties are cheaper bought directly from the school office.

Most supermarkets sell good quality polo shirts, t-shirts, trousers and skirts – these are perfectly acceptable.

We also promote the Laindon School Uniform Bank by sending unclaimed items of lost property or donated previously worn items of uniform. Most of these items are given away free or for a small donation. Details of opening times can be found on their website (<https://laidonschooluniformbank.co.uk/>)

If parents have difficulty in buying the correct clothing, we ask that they come and speak to a member of our pastoral team who can support them in providing this for their child.

What happens if children do not follow this policy?

We are always reminding children of what is appropriate to wear to school (they may call it nagging!). Initially, we will remind them of what they should be wearing, and staff may speak to parents as well. If, after a couple of days, they are still not following the policy, a letter from a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be sent home to the parents. Following this, if there is no change, a meeting will be arranged with parents to discuss how we can ensure this policy is followed.

In some cases, particularly with the older children, we may use sanctions as set out in our Behaviour Policy to remind children how they should come dressed to school. However, this would only be used if the school felt it was the child's actions / responsibility and not the parents.

If parents have any queries or issues regarding this policy, they should speak to the Head of School. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the school governing board.

