

School Uniform – Some Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the school have a uniform?

In common with the vast majority of schools in the country, the school has a simple uniform because we believe that it helps the children share in a sense of community. It provides a universal dress code that is not expensive and relieves parents of the 'pester power' sometimes exerted by children to buy them the latest designer label.

Do I have to buy a jumper with a school logo?

Whilst we would recommend that you do, because it provides your child with the school badge, you are able to substitute it with a plain burgundy sweatshirt or jumper, which are freely available from local shops and supermarkets. Our own sweatshirts are available to purchase from Baker and Sons, (Wellington), can be ordered from school, or online at Tesco:

<http://www.clothingattesco.com/telford-and-wrekin/millbrook-primary-school/inv/134852>

Why do you not allow leggings for girls?

Leggings can rip and tear easily and can often look see-through. They do not look as smart as other clothing such as trousers, skirt or dress. No secondary school will allow girls to wear leggings, so we think it is helpful that girls get into the right habit in primary school!

Footwear - Why are coloured trainers not allowed?

Again, we do not want to have a competition to see who can wear the brightest and most expensive trainers. They do not support growing feet as well as shoes, so we would always recommend correctly fitting shoes over trainers. However, plain black trainers are acceptable, because these or black shoes contribute to an overall smart appearance.

Footwear – What about girls' shoes?

Girls should not wear open-toed or backless shoes. Neither are heels allowed. We have many steps in school and a sloping playground, so these do not offer appropriate protection to the feet.

PE Kit

We would like to smarten up our PE kit by making it uniform across the school. None of our PE kit is badged with the school logo and consists of inexpensive items freely available from a range of local stockists and supermarkets.

Jewellery and Make-up

In the main, **no jewellery** should be worn to school. This includes rings, necklaces and ear rings. The exception is that plain studs may be worn in pierced ears. Jewellery is not allowed for health and safety reasons as it may become entangled in hair or equipment leading to accidents.

No make-up is to be worn in school and any child wearing it will be asked to remove it using sterile wipes.

Hair

Children with long hair should always have it tied back in school. This is for health and safety and hygiene reasons. We strongly discourage 'extreme' hair styles, including patterns and colours in. Any hairstyle which makes a child stand out has the potential to impact on their level of smartness and cause a distraction to their learning. *If you are in doubt, please ask us. It's too late once their hair has been cut!*