

## Uniform Expectations and Standards from September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I have enjoyed my first few weeks as Executive Principal at Mallard getting to know the children, staff and exploring the school to know what our priorities will be for the next year to help make Mallard a school of excellence for our community.

Beginning in September 2024, we will be tightening up on standards for our school uniform. A smart, consistent uniform helps create a sense of pride and unity among our pupils, and contributes to a focused and respectful learning environment. Currently, there are too many children who are not coming to school in the correct uniform and this impacts on their readiness to learn and sense of belonging to the school community.

**From September, please make sure your child/ children come to school in full uniform.**

### Expectations for school uniform for all pupils Nursery to Year 6

- Grey knee length skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey trousers or shorts
- White blouse/shirt or white polo shirt (plain)
- Navy Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Summer dress (blue/white gingham check only)
- Plain white, grey or black socks
- Plain blue or grey tights
- Small hair accessories/bands/ bows in school colours (blue, white, black or grey hair accessories only)

### PE Uniform

The PE Uniform is a plain white T shirt, black shorts/joggers and a plain black zipped top.

On PE Days, children will be expected to come to school in their normal uniform and change before and after their PE lesson. Age appropriate changing facilities for girls and boys will be provided.

### Importance of Adherence

Everyone sticking to the new uniform standards is essential. Pupils not in the correct uniform will be given a reminder, and repeated non-compliance will be addressed with parents or carers. Our goal is to maintain high standards that reflect the new values and ethos of our school community.

I have included a visual guide on the next page so you know children can and can't wear from September.

I appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or contact myself, Mrs Sutcliffe or Mrs Symonds.

For all branded uniform items, Mallard Primary School has sourced a reasonable supplier and all branded items can be purchased through Parent Pay and collected from the main office. Most supermarket chains and high street clothing retailers offer a wide range of non-branded uniform items at very competitive rates.

Thank you for your continued support in making Mallard Primary School a place of excellence.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Sumner

Executive Principal

## Mallard Primary Essential Uniform Items



**Navy Blue Cardigan or round neck Jumper**



**Grey knee length skirt or pinafore dress** in traditional school uniform tailored material.

Mid-Grey smart school skirt or dress, knee length only.

No denim or jersey material skirts or dresses.



**Summer Uniform**

Navy Blue and white, knee length gingham design dress or romper with shorts.



**Grey trousers or shorts.**

Mid-Grey smart school trousers only. Shorts must be mid-grey and to the knee, all in traditional tailored school uniform material.

We do not allow black, navy blue or cargo style shorts or trousers with large pockets on the sides. No denim or jersey trousers or shorts.

Leggings or tight trousers are not allowed. No denim.



**Plain white polo shirt** in cotton material.

We do not allow polo shirts in any other colours, including blue or grey.

## Hair Accessories



Small **hair accessories** including bows must be in school uniform colours.

Blue, Grey and Black accessories are allowed.

We do not allow multi-coloured or non-uniform colours.

## Footwear

- Smart black school shoes – all shoes to be sensible and low heeled
- Boots are not acceptable for children to wear in school
- Trainers are only allowed as part of their PE kit.
- Wellies can only be worn on rainy days and children must have a pair of school shoes to change into.

## Essential Footwear



### Shoes

Smart Black traditional school shoes. Low heeled and full shoes are allowed.

Boots or different coloured shoes are not allowed.

## Essential PE Uniform Items



**Plain black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms.**

No branded/ logo items to be worn.

Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh length.



**Round, plain white t-shirt with no logos.**

Polo shirts are not allowed for PE uniform for health and safety reasons

No Football tops, branded items or tops with slogans are allowed.



**Plain black outdoor training top with no logos.**



**White plain sports socks**



**PE Uniform trainers (children will change into them)**

**Sensible trainers that enable both indoor and outdoor activity are permitted.**

**We urge parents to provide either black or white trainers with discrete logos, preferably plain.**