



Marden Primary Academy

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear academy uniform when attending school, or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for academy uniform on our website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that an academy uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the academy
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the academy
- Prevents children from attending the academy in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents/carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Is accessible and affordable to parents/carers

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our academy for their support of the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the academy to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Principal.

The academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example, religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the academy uniform, the academy will look sympathetically at such requests.

Similarly, should an item of academy uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Principal. The academy will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.








Requirements





Full, approved uniform is to be worn to school and parents are expected to support academy policy on uniform. Most of our uniform can be purchased from the retailer of your choice, however, the academy jumper/cardigan and the PE t-shirt with the academy logo must be purchased from Price & Buckland or Brigade.

All Marden Primary Academy uniform supplied by Price & Buckland and Brigade can be bought online.

Winter uniform is expected to be worn from Autumn Term 2 through to the end of Spring Term 4. **Summer uniform** can be worn from the start of the Summer Term 5 through to the half term of Autumn Term 1.

Parents can choose to switch to the winter uniform earlier than October if the weather is cold.

Daily Uniform	
Red cardigan or sweatshirt with academy logo	
White poloshirt	
Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers	
Red, grey or black tights Black, grey or white socks	
Black shoes (All black trainers now also acceptable - must have black laces and no fashion branding)	
Summer Uniform	
White gingham dress or grey/black shorts	
Red baseball cap or red legionnaires hat	

PE Kit	
PE Top in house colour with academy logo	 Desert Rainforest Ocean Polar
Black or navy shorts (jogging bottoms/leggings allowed in cold weather)	
Sports trainers (plimsolls allowed in Reception)	
PE Bag	

To encourage the children to take pride in their appearance we ask them to tuck their poloshirts in when they are around the academy and on visits and to have their top buttons fastened.

Tracksuits may be worn in colder weather for outdoor PE and games, plain navy/black.

Children may wear suitable sunglasses and hats for playtimes during the Summer Term.

Jewellery

“Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.”

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our academy. Parents are

respectfully requested to support this requirement to prevent loss and/or injury. Small earring studs may be worn in pierced ears, but these must be removed for physical activity (PE, swimming etc). We ask that the children remove these studs themselves, prior to the lesson. If ears have been newly pierced they can be covered with micropore tape (to be provided by the parent) to prevent injury. Once the piercings have healed (no more than 10 weeks), earrings must be removed for all physical activity. We please ask that if your child has had their ears pierced, that you inform the office so we are aware that these will be covered.

Extreme Haircuts & Appearance

We like our children to have a smart appearance. The academy does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or draw attention to a child in an unhelpful way. This includes shaved heads or patterns shaved into the hair or the use of bright hair dye sprays. Long hair should be tied back with a plain band or tie for reasons of hygiene and safety. This applies to boys as well as girls.

Parents should also be aware that transfers or tattoos are not permitted.

Footwear

The academy wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or 'strappy' open-toed sandals, so we do not allow them.

Outdoor Wear

As part of the curriculum children are encouraged to use the outdoor environment. It is essential that the children have appropriate, named outdoor coats and shoes suitable for the weather.

Money and Valuables

Children are discouraged from bringing money or valuables to school other than when requested by the academy. Where this is unavoidable, money and valuables should never be left in cloakrooms or children's trays but given to the class teacher or academy office for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The academy cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

Items mislaid by children are kept at the academy office. We endeavour to return all named property.