

## Rationale

We take pride in belonging and being identified as part of Meadow Park Academy. We are very proud of our children and make every effort to ensure that they are smart and well presented, taking pride in themselves. We expect parents/staff to help us to maintain this high standard.

## Our school uniform consists of

Uniform Item
● Round neck sweatshirt – emerald green with school logo
● Sweatshirt cardigan – emerald green with school logo
● White polo shirts – no logo.
● Grey trousers (straight legged)
● Grey skirt (appropriate length – knee or below)
● Green and white checked dress
● Plain grey or white socks
● Plain grey tights.
● Black sensible shoes ( <b>no heels, no trainers</b> ).
● Reversible/showerproof fleece jacket –with school logo
● Book bags (Reception, Y1 and Y2) – emerald green with school logo.
● Hair in bands in school colours – green/grey/purple.
● Rucksacks (optional – KS2 ONLY) – black – please minimise bags wherever possible.
● Hijabs (if required) – grey/black or emerald green in plain colours only.

**Please note: Apart from the school sweatshirts which are bought through a supplier, all other items can be purchased from a variety of outlets. The school also has a good supply of second hand uniform available to parents if required – see below.**

## Our PE uniform consists of

Uniform Item
● Black shorts
● Plain emerald green T shirt with or without school logo
● Indoor PE – plimsolls or bare feet.
● Outside Sport – black or white trainers with good grip and support (not plimsolls).
● White socks.
● Plain black tracksuit

## Outdoor Learning Kit

Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothes for Outdoor Learning and also bring waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies. Outdoor clothing is not optional and must be worn for Outdoor Learning, however it does not have to come from any specific supplier or be branded in any way.

## Jewellery

Jewellery such as rings, bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school. If you intend to have your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the summer break as your child's ears will need time to heal and they will not be able to remove piercings for 6 weeks, which will mean they are unable to access the full curriculum on Health & Safety grounds e.g. PE and Games.

If a child has pierced ears, plain studs in silver or gold should be worn. For safety, these have to be removed during PE. If the earrings cannot be removed by the child we ask parents to make sure the child is not wearing them on PE days. No staff member is permitted to remove a child's earrings.

Symbols of faith may be worn. We ask that this is limited to one item and must be discreet and suitable for school and not impede the child's learning. Children may be asked to remove these for activities such as PE.

Watches are allowed but not for PE and Games. Smart watches are not allowed for safeguarding reasons as they have messaging functionality and may be able to take photographs. Digital or analogue watches are permitted.

If a child is wearing jewellery/inappropriate earrings they will be asked to remove the items. We do not take responsibility for their care.

Make up is not appropriate for children in primary school; this includes nail varnish and is not allowed. Children will be asked to remove this as soon as possible. This includes transfer tattoos.

## Hair

Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable in school and only natural colours are suitable for children. We expect parents to support us in this by not allowing their child to attend school with inappropriate hairstyles and

colours. This includes bleached hair, shaved patterns, or extreme tramlines within a haircut or any other highly modified hairstyles.

Students who have hair that is longer than shoulder length are required to have it completely tied up. School will provide hair ties if students come to school without hair tied up.

## Mobile and Electronic Devices

We do not allow any electronic items in school other than mobile phones which are to be used for children who are walking to and from school unaccompanied. If mobile phones are to be used for this purpose, parents must notify the class teacher who will collect these in and keep these safely until the end of the school day. Where electronic devices are seen/used in school, these will be confiscated and will only be returned to parents. We do not take responsibility for their care.

## Lost Property

It is important that all your child's belongings are clearly named. Each term we collect an enormous quantity of un-named items, many of which are almost new. Un-named articles which are not claimed at the end of each term are disposed of. Please encourage your children to take responsibility for their own uniform. We take no responsibility for ensuring items are returned to children although we will endeavour to help where possible.

## Second Hand Uniform

We provide a second-hand uniform service at Meadow Park Academy, offering good quality uniform at a reduced price. Please contact the school office regarding second hand uniform.

We understand there may be rare occasions when children are unable to attend school in uniform for a variety of reasons. Where this is the case, the school will issue clean uniform to wear on a temporary basis.

**If a child is regularly not wearing uniform staff will contact parents and remind them of the policy and our expectation of their part in maintaining high standards for their children.**