

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 Academy uniform consists of

Uniform Item	Optional	When worn	Can item be generic
• Round neck sweatshirt – emerald green with school logo – girls and boys.	No	Every term	No
• Sweatshirt cardigan – emerald green with school logo – girls only.	No	Every term	No
• White polo shirts – no logo – girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes
• Grey trousers (straight legged) – girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes
• Grey skirt (appropriate length below knee) – girls only.	No	Every term	Yes
• Green and white checked dress – girls only, in the summer.	Yes	Terms 4 - 6	Yes
• Plain grey or white socks	No	Every term	Yes
• Plain grey tights – girls only.	No	Every term	Yes
• Black sensible shoes (no heels, no trainers).	No	Every term	Yes
• Reversible/showerproof fleece jacket – with school logo – girls and boys.	Yes	Every term	No
• Book bags – emerald green with school logo – girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes
• Hair in bands in school colours – green/grey/purple.	No	Every term	Yes
• Rucksacks (optional) – black – please minimise bags wherever possible.	Yes	Every term	Yes
• Hijabs (if required) – grey/black or emerald green in plain colours only.	Yes	Every term	Yes

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	Optional	When worn	Can item be generic
• Black shorts – girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes
• Plain emerald green T shirt with or without school logo – girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes
• Indoor PE – plimsolls or bare feet.	No	Every term	Yes
• Outside Sport – black trainers with good grip and support (not plimsolls).	No	Every term	Yes
• White socks.	No	Every term	Yes
• Plain black tracksuit (optional) – girls and boys.	Yes	Terms 2 and 3	Yes
• Black hairband to tie long hair back- girls and boys.	No	Every term	Yes

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 Forest school, however it does not have to come from any specific supplier or be branded in any way.

Art Activities

Craft activities can be messy and, although we expect children to take reasonable care, parents should provide their child with an art apron (an old shirt/T shirt – theirs or an older sibling or adult would also be suitable).

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.

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

Where a child is asked to remove jewellery for any reason we will encourage them to keep this safely but will 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.

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. We recommend the use of products such as Stickins <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>, which are resilient and reasonably priced. 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.

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.