

MYTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform and equipment Policy



At Mytham, we are committed to high standards in all areas—including uniform. From September 2025, we will take a firmer approach to ensure all children are dressed appropriately for school.

A smart, consistent uniform supports a calm, focused learning environment and helps children feel proud to be part of our school.

A school uniform helps establish a corporate identity and puts all children on an equal footing. Mytham Primary School appreciate the efforts parents make in providing it for their children.

If there are issues with uniform, we will contact parents to resolve it, and may provide suitable items where needed.

If you are having difficulty sourcing uniform, please speak to us—we're here to help.

Please note that sweatshirts and tops do not have to have the school logo on them. Parents can purchase from supermarkets, as long as they are the correct colours.

We actively encourage parents to donate out grown good quality uniform items to school. Friends of Mytham have regular sales of second-hand uniform at reasonable prices which many parents appreciate.

School Uniform must be worn on non-PE days.

Jumpers/cardigans

Jumpers/Cardigans must be a Mytham blue jumper or cardigan, or a plain blue version that closely matches the school colour. Hoodies and sports jumpers are not allowed.

The only exception is in Y6 when children may wear their 'Leavers Hoodie' to school. However on formal days -such as the Y6 Leavers Service -we ask that children wear their full uniform- not hoodies.

Footwear with school uniform

Trainers are not permitted, even if all black—children should wear plain, smart black school shoes.

Uniform on PE Days

PE Uniform should only be worn on PE days. On these days please be mindful that PE kit is a child's school uniform on that day. It must therefore be plain and unbranded—no football shirts, logos, or branded sportswear under any circumstances.

Maintaining correct uniform in summer term

Uniform standards often decline towards the end of the academic year, for example we see trainers/branded items creeping in. Please avoid this and help us maintain a smart, consistent uniform at all times.

Non-Uniform Days

Special dressing-up days

Occasionally we have days where we ask children to dress up; for example in Y5/6 we have a Viking Day. Although we would like all our children to take part this is not compulsory. If they prefer, pupils can wear their **school uniform** rather than their own clothes. However, it is very important that pupils attend school on these days. These type of days are about immersing children in the topic. There will be learning activities all day and taking the day off school to avoid dressing up would be classed as an unauthorised absence on their record.

Non-Uniform Days

Throughout the year we have non uniform days- these might be charitable fundraisers or they might be a celebration day e.g., for a Christmas party. All children can wear clothes of their own choice on these days. While we want students to enjoy expressing themselves through their clothing, it's important that their choices still reflect the standards expected in an educational environment. Clothing items that show the midriff or are felt to be overly revealing by school are not permitted.

Suitability of shoes should also be considered- flip flops and flimsy sandals should be avoided as they are not suitable for energetic play or using stairs around school.

Dojo reward days

A popular Dojo reward is to wear own clothes or Pyjamas. Please note that Dojo reward days cannot be on a PE Days- as children need to be suitably dressed for PE or a special day such as photograph day / educational visits /leavers service and Carol Service –as we need children to wear uniform on these days.

Educational Visits

All pupils should wear school uniform when on an educational visit. Any exceptions to this will be relayed to parents in the trip planning letters.

Our school uniform

- Royal Blue cardigan / sweatshirt
- White polo shirt / white shirt
- Grey skirt (not too short- black cycling shorts can be worn underneath) or Grey tailored school trousers / shorts
- Plain White, Black or Grey socks / tights. (no patterns)
- Black leather/ leather look full shoes (not boots, sandals, trainers, canvas shoes or heels)
- Light-blue Gingham or striped dress /playsuits (all in one with shorts) in warmer months
- Headscarf for religious purposes- white ,navy or black

School sweatshirts/cardigans/polo shirts with embroidered Mytham logo can be ordered online from [Touchline Embroidery](#)

Should parents wish to purchase a plain royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/pullover this is acceptable.

We urge families to ensure that all school uniform, including coats, are **clearly labelled with your child's name**.

P.E. and Games kit

In Year 1 upwards, children are asked to come to school in their PE / Games kit. The class team will inform parents of when PE days are prior to the Autumn Term and if there are any changes during the year.

For children in Reception, they should bring their PE kit to school with them, and they will get changed for these sessions in class.

Indoor PE Kit

White round neck T-Shirt

Navy or Black pleated games skirt or shorts
(All one colour with no patterns, logos or stripes in contrasting colours. No brand logos)

Trainers; ideally black / white/grey.
Brightly coloured fashion trainers are not acceptable for school

Outdoor PE Kit

White round neck T-Shirt

Navy or Black jogging bottoms
(All one colour with no patterns, logos or stripes in contrasting colours. No brand logos)

Navy or Black zipped jacket
(All one colour with no patterns, logos or stripes in contrasting colours. No brand logos)

Trainers; ideally black / white/grey.
Brightly coloured fashion trainers are not acceptable for school

All PE kit / Uniform can be sourced via

[Touchline Embroidery](https://www.touchline-embroidery.com)

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Uniform



Royal blue cardigan or
sweatshirt



White polo shirt or
shirt



Grey shorts, pinafore, skirt
or trousers

Blue
checked
summer
dress



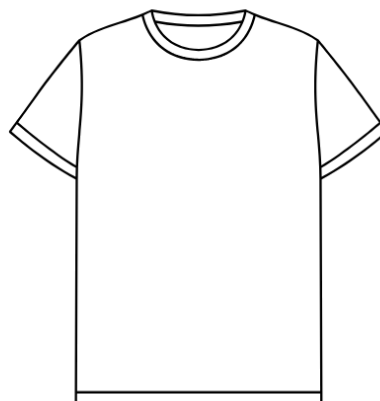
Black shoes

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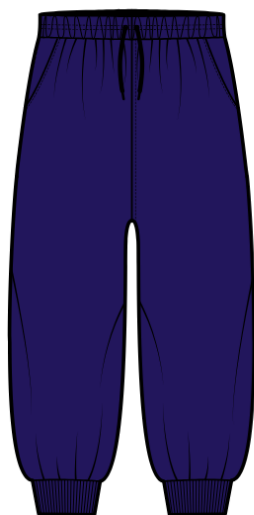
PE Uniform



Navy or black, unbranded
zippered jacket



White t shirt



Navy or black,
unbranded jogging
bottoms



Navy or black, unbranded
skirt or shorts



White or black trainers

Personal Appearance

Hair styles

Mytham Primary School does not accept children attending school with 'extreme hairstyles'. Styles are considered to be extreme, when: Hair is shaved very short all over so the scalp can be seen, sides are shaved very short and the top section is much longer. When there are patterns shaved into them, these patterns include lines, shapes, and names. Hair is artificially coloured i.e. bleached/dyed an unnatural colour.

Hair accessories

Longer hair should not cover the eyes. This is to enable eye contact and good visibility for the pupil. Hair accessories, which keep longer hair tidy, such as hair slides, scrunchies, bows, ribbons, bobbles and hair bands are acceptable but should be small (7cm or less). They should be plain, simple, sensible and preferably in the school colours (Royal blue/Black/White or grey). Children wearing unacceptable accessories, which the school considers to be beyond these descriptions, will be politely asked to remove them / not wear again. Please enjoy wearing these accessories for weekends and holidays- or our Non Uniform Days

We suggest that children with long hair should tie it back.
All pupils are required to tie back long hair in PE/ Games lessons **and** Food Technology lessons.

Nails

Children should **not** wear nail varnish, make up or false nails. We will ask for this to be removed. Earrings should be studs and must be covered with plasters during PE or preferably removed. Children wearing anything other than simple studs will be politely asked to remove them / not wear again.

Tattoos

Temporary tattoos are not permitted.

Sun safety

Children may wear sunglasses to school at parents' discretion, but they should provide appropriate UV protection. Please be aware that sunglasses can easily become lost or damaged during the school day, so we encourage sun hats as a more practical and protective alternative. If your child needs to wear sunglasses for medical reasons, please speak to their class teacher so appropriate support can be provided.

Personal Items/ Equipment

Watches

Watches should be sensible in size, and should not be a 'Smart Watch' as they may have capability to function independently or connect to other devices, such as mobile phones. Even 'Smart watches' not connected to the internet should not be worn. Please note that if a watch looks like it is a 'Smart Watch' it should not be worn.

If these are brought into school, they will be confiscated and parent/guardian will be asked to collect, in person, at the end of the day.

High value items, including electronic devices

Children should not bring valuable into school e.g. mobile phones, personal money, I-Pads/ tablets and other electronic gadgets. There is no safe storage. Mytham take no responsibility for items that are stolen, lost or damaged if they have been brought into school without permission. The only exception is for mobile phones in Y5/6 please see *below

Harmful items

Pupils should not bring items into school that may be harmful to others e.g. knives/ scissors /multi tools/lighters/tablets/cigarettes/drugs. If they do- this will be treated as a serious matter and sanctions will be applied- including suspension.

If children bring in prohibited items, then these may be confiscated and kept in a secure safe until they can be safely returned to the child or a parent. However, the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to any items, including those that are confiscated.

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phone Policy – Year 5/6

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may bring a mobile phone to school **only if** they:

- Travel to and from school **independently**, or
- Are **young carers** who need to be contactable.

Phones must be:

- **Switched off** while on school grounds.
- **Stored securely** in the designated lockers throughout the school day.
- **Placed within a school-provided clear pencil case or bag**, labelled with the pupil's name, once brought into school.

Morning procedure:

- Phones are handed in and logged by staff upon arrival.
- Pupils may not access phones during the school day unless supervised by an adult.

End-of-day procedure:

- Phones are returned in the pencil case or bag.
- They should remain inside it until the child has left the building.
- Pupils collecting bikes or scooters must exit school first with their phone, then walk around to collect their belongings.

Acceptable Use & Sanctions

- Pupils must follow the school's **Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Agreement**.
- Misuse of mobile phones will result in confiscation by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and collection by a parent/carer at the end of the day.
- Repeated misuse may result in a ban on bringing phones to school.
- In serious cases (e.g. inappropriate content, threats, or criminal activity), phones may be searched by the SLT following DfE guidance, and external agencies (including police) may be involved.

Loss, Theft or Damage

- All phones should be **securely identifiable and password protected**.
- The school does **not accept responsibility** for phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on site, during school trips, or on the journey to/from school.
- Confiscated phones are stored securely by the SLT.
- Lost phones should be handed to the school office.

School Bags

There is no need for children to bring large bags/ rucksacks to school. This is because they now wear their PE kit on PE days. We have very limited space for bag storage in school. We find that large, bulky bags causes cloakroom areas to be congested and full of trip hazards. This is a particular issue when cloakrooms are in corridors. We urge parents to purchase one of the school reading bags for bringing reading books, homework and snack to and from school or a **small** rucksack for older pupils.

Packed Lunch bags

Pupils on packed lunches should bring their lunch in an insulated bag to keep the food as fresh as possible. School does not have cold storage for packed lunches. KS2 pupils are responsible for putting their lunch bags in

the right place and for taking them home each night. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for this themselves, rather than doing it for them.

Packed lunches should follow healthy food guidance.

Traditional flasks for hot food are discouraged because of the risk of burning the mouth from very hot food and increased likelihood of spillages, however, there are new products available which allow solid foods to be stored and kept **warm**. These are allowed as long as they are made of plastic and do not contain any glass. We ask that these are not used for hot liquids such as soup/ broth.

If a hot meal is required we would prefer parents to select a hot school dinner.

IMPORTANT Please remember that we are a 'Nut Free' school when selecting packed lunch choices eg no peanut butter/Nutella or snack bars containing nuts

Snacks

Parents can provide healthy snacks provided by the school kitchen. Children can also bring a snack from home. These snacks should be healthy and follow healthy food guidance. Fruit and low sugar cereal bars are a good choice. Toast / crumpets can be sent in wrapped in tin foil. Chocolate bars, biscuits, sweets, crisps are not considered to be healthy and should not be brought into school.

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Free' school eg no snack bars containing nuts or pots of nuts.

Water bottles

It is highly recommended that children have a good intake of water each day as it helps lubricate the brain and aids great learning. School would prefer the bottles to **contain plain water** as this is the most healthy however if cordial is the only way a child will take fluids then this can be provided but should be **weak** and the bottle **should not** be see through . We still encourage the majority of our children to have plain water, and seeing others with cordial can cause problems for parents. Children are encouraged to take a drink at break times, following physical activity and at transition times, however they are then stored at the side of the classroom. It is a fine balance between needing to keep hydrated and the inevitable need to go to the toilet. The bottles should be a sensible size. We try to limit visit to the toilet during lesson times so that children can remain focussed on learning. If your child has a medical need and needs their water bottle- on their desk rather than at the side- then we ask parents to write a letter and include details of the medical issue and treatment. Staff will then do their best to facilitate it.

Fizzy pop and energy drinks should not be brought into school. In addition, please do not reuse pop / energy drinks bottles for water /cordial. We are trying to promote healthy drinks

Weak cordial should be in opaque bottles ie NOT see through

We do not recommend that Children bring expensive water bottles such as 'Air up'. Please bear in mind that this is an expensive item to be lost, broken or sadly, stolen. School take no responsibility for these.

We discourage the use of single use bottles due to our commitment to sustainability. Bottles should be refillable.

Bottles – not cold cups – should be 1 L or less. Here are plenty of opportunities to refill them during the day We discourage very large water bottles because of limited storage .

Bicycles and Scooters

Children are encouraged to be healthy and one way to do this is to travel to school on a bicycle or scooter. We have bicycle sheds in both KS1 and KS2, where bicycles can be safely stored during the school day.

The external gates are locked however, **to be extra secure, the bicycles should be locked to the bike shed with a cycle lock with a combination lock- not a key (from Sept '23)**. Pupil must know the combination.

Bicycles and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds, as this can be dangerous to pedestrians. Pupils must dismount at the school gates and push them through the grounds. Any pupil who repeatedly breaks this rule will not be allowed to bring their bicycle or scooter to school. Children should not ride their bikes on the grass.

It is safe practice for riders to wear a helmet and school recommend that children follow this guidance. The helmet can be fastened to the bicycle during the day. We hope that parents are able to promote wearing

helmets too. During 'Bikeability' sessions, in UKS2, pupils are not allowed to take part without wearing a helmet.

Play equipment

Children should not bring their own footballs, small balls, bouncy balls, skipping ropes or other play equipment to school.

Supervision of children

Children should be supervised by parents / guardians at all times before and after school. Pupils and older/ younger siblings should not be allowed to use the school play equipment –even if they find it -and they should not be allowed to climb on large play equipment. Children should be supervised so that they do not climb on railings, walls or items in the memorial garden. Children should not be allowed to urinate in the school grounds. Please ask to use a school toilet. Members of staff may intervene and ask your child to climb down if they are not being supervised.

School is only responsible for the safety of children once the doors are open and children enter the building.

Thank you parents/carers for your support. Experience tells us that when everyone does the same thing, pupils generally go along with the same as their friends. It is when one child, or their parents, decide not to follow the guidance that it can cause problems for other parents. 'Can I have a branded tracksuit? '.When the answer is no - parents often then hear, 'well my friend at school wears one!' This can make things very difficult for other parents and school!

This is the same for hairstyles, watches, mobile phones, bags, water bottles, socks, hair accessories etc. They often want to follow the latest trends which are unsuitable. One recent example of this was the trend for large hair bows .Very pretty for weekends /holidays but not suitable for school. You could wear them on one of our regular non –uniform days.

If everyone said to their child – 'no the uniform / equipment policy says XYZ', it would make everyone's life much easier!

Hopefully you will find the guidance helpful. Please ask for clarification if you are unsure rather than making expensive purchases which are not correct.

We thank you for your support Mrs Bogle and staff