

Temple Meadow Primary School



Uniform Policy

Safeguarding Policy Statement-

This policy is part of the wider umbrella of Keeping Children Safe in Education - and Temple Meadow's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

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At Temple Meadow, our school uniform policy is designed to promote a strong sense of belonging, inclusion, and pride within our school community, while also supporting children's health, wellbeing, and readiness to learn. In line with research from the Active Uniform Alliance, we recognise the importance of clothing that allows children to move freely and comfortably throughout the school day, enabling active play, participation, and physical development without restriction.

Through our commitment to OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) principles, we value the role of play in children's social, emotional, and physical growth. Our school uniform reflects this by ensuring that children are appropriately dressed for outdoor learning and active play in all weathers, helping them to fully engage in rich, hands-on experiences.

At the same time, our uniform maintains a smart and consistent appearance, fostering a shared identity and encouraging children to feel proud of themselves and their school. We aim to provide flexible, practical, and affordable options that support all families, while reinforcing high expectations and a positive learning environment.

By balancing comfort, practicality, and presentation, our approach to uniform ensures that every child feels included, confident, and ready to take part in all aspects of school life.

Our school uniform

At Temple Meadow, following consultation with parents and carers, we offer two uniform options: our active uniform, which aligns with current research, supports inclusion, and promotes active play, and a more traditional uniform. This flexible approach ensures that all pupils can feel comfortable, included, and ready to engage fully in school life while maintaining a sense of pride and belonging. Full details of both options are outlined below.

NEW Active School Uniform		Traditional School Uniform	
Polo T-Shirt	White or Red	Polo T-Shirt	White or Red
Cardigan / Sweatshirt / Fleece	Red (no hoods; Temple Meadow logo optional)	Cardigan /Jumper	Red
Joggers/Leggings	Plain black (no logos)	Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore	Grey or black
Trainers	Plain black (no other colours)	Shirt / Blouse	White
		Tights	Grey, black, red or white
		Shoes	Flat, plain back, non-branded; must have backs and closed toes
		Headscarves	Grey, black, red or white
Summer Options			
Shorts / Skorts	Plain black (no logos)	Shorts / Skorts	Grey or black
		Dresses	Red and white checked
P.E. Kit			
P.E. kit is not required , as the active uniform will be worn for P.E. lessons		Polo Shirt	Red or white
		Sweatshirt	Red or black
		Shorts / Tracksuit Bottoms	Plain black, non-branded
		Trainers	Plain black, non-branded

P.E. kit should be worn to school on your child's P.E. day.

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Jewellery, hair and make-up

At Temple Meadow, only stud earrings are permitted, for health and safety reasons.

Children are permitted to wear a watch. Please note that smart watches are not permitted due to safeguarding reasons.

We do encourage children to tie hair back where possible, as this can be a distraction in the classroom as well as pose health and safety concern during some physical activities.

Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

Outdoor play and learning

At Temple Meadow, we provide OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunch times, which offer children a wide range of engaging and creative play opportunities. To ensure that all pupils can fully access these experiences throughout the year, particularly as we move into the Autumn and Winter months, we request that each child brings a waterproof coat to school every day. Parents and carers may also wish to provide waterproof trousers or a puddle suit. In addition, a pair of wellington boots would be beneficial to support children in participating safely and comfortably in outdoor play in all weather conditions.

Uniform Policy Expectations and Follow-Up

In the event that a child does not attend school wearing appropriate uniform, the school will respond in a supportive and proportionate manner, taking into account individual circumstances. Actions may include speaking with parents or carers to discuss the concern, contacting home to request that correct uniform is brought into school, or providing the child with suitable items from the school's uniform swap shop where needed.

Where uniform expectations are not consistently met, parents or carers will be invited to attend a meeting with the school to explore any barriers and to identify how the school can provide appropriate support to ensure that expectations are met moving forward.

Access to uniform support

At Temple Meadow, we hold a range of spare uniform items in various sizes, available within our Community Hub located at the Clifton Street entrance. This pre-loved uniform is freely available to all families, with no questions asked, to support accessibility and inclusion.

We warmly welcome donations of good-quality pre-loved uniform, which can be brought to the school office.



Active School Uniform



White or red, school logo optional



No hoods, school logo optional



Plain black, strictly no logos



Plain black, no other colours