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V2	October 2022	DJA	Links added to page 2 to reference the two new DfE documents, published in November 2021.
V3	November 2024	DJA	Specific aims and legislation section added. Clearer links to Academy specific guidance.
V4	November 2025	DJA	Updated references to DfE's proposed 2026 guidance on quantitative limits to branded items (maximum of three, plus a tie at secondary), in section 2, and inclusion of a new statement in Section 8 outlining the Trust's Spring 2026 review process and parent communication timeline.

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1.AIMS

This policy aims to:

- Set out the Trust approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers best value for money for parents and carers.
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.

2.LEGISLATION, GUIDANCE AND LEGAL DUTIES

This policy has been developed with regard to and consideration of:

- Developing School Uniform Policy – non-statutory guidance – Updated 29 April 2024
[School uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-uniforms)

This guidance, as of 23rd October 2026, includes a DfE proposal to limit the number of branded items from September 2026. (see section 8 for further details).

- Cost of school uniform – statutory guidance – 19 November 2021
[Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-school-uniforms)
- Human Rights Act
[Human Rights Act 1998](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/human-rights-act-1998)
- Equality Act
[Equality Act 2010.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010)

3. WHY WE REQUIRE STUDENTS TO WEAR UNIFORM

The GOV.UK document 'Developing School Uniform Policy' states:

It is for the governing board of a school (or Academy Trust) to decide:

- Rules about appearance.
- Whether there should be a school uniform policy and, if so, what that should be.
- How the uniform should be sourced.

These duties are placed on all governing boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline among the student body. We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform, as it can play a key role in:

- Promoting the ethos of a school.
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity.
- Setting an appropriate tone for education.

The Maltby Learning Trust (MLT) Board have agreed the Trust's Uniform Policy for all Academies in the Trust, in line with published guidance. The Trust believes uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone.

All Academies in the Trust have a distinctive uniform that gives the students a sense of belonging, helps foster pride in their Academy and stops students coming to school in inappropriate clothing or footwear. Students are ambassadors in their local community. Therefore, we expect all students

to wear full uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions, on extra-curricular visits and when taking part in sporting events.

4. HOW DO ACADEMIES IN THE TRUST DETERMINE THE UNIFORM?

Each Academy in the Trust determines its own uniform but must ensure that it does not discriminate based on sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief. When considering how the school uniform is to be sourced, the Academy Education Committee (AEC) will give highest priority to the consideration of cost and value for money for parents/carers.

Each Academy will take the following factors into account when determining their school uniform:

- Affordable to families.
- Traditional - exemplifies a commitment to high standards.
- Sustainable - not subject to changes in fashion.
- Recognisable - clearly associated with the individual Academy.
- Business-like and distinguishable from what students would wear in everyday life.

Exclusive single supplier contracts will only be entered into following a regular tendering process where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where best value for parents/carers can be demonstrated. Any savings negotiated with suppliers will be passed on to parents/carers wherever possible. Academies will not enter into cash back arrangements.

All Academies in the Trust recycle school uniforms in order to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill sites and to help conserve natural resources by reducing the need for new materials.

Recycling school uniforms will also provide a cost effective option for parents/carers.

5. ACADEMY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

The uniform guidance specific to each Academy, including guidance on appearance and the wearing of jewellery, can be found on each Academy website, via the links below:

Secondary Academies:

Maltby Academy: [Maltby Academy – UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS](#)

Sir Thomas Wharton Academy: [Sir Thomas Wharton Academy - UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS](#)

Wath Academy: [Wath Academy - UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS](#)

Primary Academies:

Maltby Lilly Hall Academy: [Maltby Lilly Hall Academy - ACADEMY UNIFORM](#)

Maltby Manor Academy: [Maltby Manor Academy - ACADEMY UNIFORM](#)

Maltby Redwood Academy: [Maltby Redwood - ACADEMY UNIFORM](#)

6. DISCIPLINE

The Trust/Academy expects all students to meet the uniform standards as specified on the Academy website. Where there is a breach of the uniform policy, guidance states that the Principal can ask a student to go home to rectify the clothing breach. The Academy will carefully consider whether this action is appropriate, taking into account the child's age, vulnerability, the ease and time it will take the student to get home, and the availability of the child's parents/carers. Secondary Academies will provide the relevant items of clothing (new) and students will be expected to change into these as required. As specified earlier in the policy the cost of the items of uniform will not be a barrier.

The Principal in each Academy can discipline children and young people for not wearing the correct school uniform. In all MLT Academies the strict uniform policy is enforced rigorously. In instances of repeated and persistent failure to meet the expected uniform standards the Academy may consider fixed term suspension.

7. COMPLAINTS

Any disputes about school uniform should be resolved locally and in accordance with the Trust/Academy Complaints Policy.

8. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Trust Executive Team. At every review it will be approved by the Trust Board.

FUTURE REVIEW AND COMMUNICATION OF CHANGES – DFE SEPTEMBER 2026

The Trust and each Academy will review their individual uniform guidance documents during the Spring 2026 term, in line with the Department for Education's proposed updates to national uniform guidance, to ensure continued compliance and best practice from September 2026.

As in previous years, any proposed changes to Academy uniform expectations will be communicated clearly to parents and carers prior to the start of the Summer term, providing families with ample time to prepare and purchase uniform items ahead of the new academic year.