



MARNER
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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Uniform at a glance

No branded item is compulsory. Pupils may wear a plain royal/cobalt-blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, or choose the Marner-logo version. All compulsory items may therefore be bought unbranded from a suitable retailer.

Item	Requirement	Branding
Top layer	Plain royal/cobalt-blue school sweatshirt or cardigan; the Marner-logo version is also permitted.	Logo optional
Polo shirt	Plain white polo shirt.	Logo optional
Bottoms	Plain black trousers, knee-length-or-longer skirt or pinafore.	No logo
Footwear	Flat, sensible, fully enclosed black shoes; all-black trainers are acceptable.	No logo
Socks/tights	Plain black, white or grey.	No logo
Summer options	Plain black shorts or blue gingham summer dress.	No logo
Outdoor coat	Plain black or navy coat.	Logo optional
PE	White T-shirt; black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms; black plimsolls or trainers.	Logo optional
PE warm layer	Plain royal/cobalt-blue hoodie or blue Marner-logo hoodie, when available.	Optional item
PE days Pupils should come to school wearing the PE kit above on their timetabled PE days. The logo is not required on the PE T-shirt or hoodie.		

1. Aims

At Marner Primary School, uniform supports our values and our commitment to Inspire, Empower and Achieve. Wearing it with pride helps pupils feel that they belong, reduces pressure linked to fashion and prepares children for learning.

This policy aims to:

- *set clear, practical and inclusive expectations for uniform and appearance*
- *keep the total cost reasonable and give families choice about where to buy generic items*
- *limit compulsory branded uniform in line with statutory requirements*
- *avoid discrimination and provide reasonable adjustments where needed*
- *explain how families can buy new uniforms, access second-hand uniforms and seek support.*

2. Equality, inclusion and reasonable adjustments

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination because of protected characteristics, including disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, and age. Marner applies this policy consistently while recognising individual needs.

To avoid discrimination, the school will:

- *describe uniform by garment rather than by gender, so pupils may wear the option in which they feel most comfortable*
- *allow religious garments and head coverings, including hijabs and turbans, where these meet the simple colour expectations in this policy*
- *embrace Afro-textured hair and protective hairstyles in line with the Halo Code*
- *consider reasonable adaptations for disability, sensory, medical or physical needs, including alternatives to particular fabrics, fastenings, footwear or swimwear*
- *consider reasonable adaptations connected with religion or another protected characteristic on a case-by-case basis*
- *ensure that uniform expectations do not prevent a pupil from taking part in lessons, PE, trips or school activities because of cost or an agreed need.*

Parents and carers should contact the Headteacher or SENCo through the school office at enquiries@marner.towerhamlets.sch.uk or 020 7987 2938 to request an adaptation. Requests will be discussed sensitively and considered individually.

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Marner has regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform. From September 2026, primary schools must require no more than three compulsory branded items across school uniform and PE kit. Marner requires no branded items: pupils may wear a plain royal/cobalt-blue school sweatshirt or cardigan instead of a Marner-logo version.

The school will keep uniform affordable by:

- *making the school logo optional on every item and allowing generic, unbranded alternatives for all compulsory items*
- *keeping optional branded items to a minimum and making clear that they are not required*
- *allowing families to buy plain items from supermarkets, high-street shops, online retailers or second-hand sources*
- *not requiring different uniform for different year groups, houses, clubs or extra-curricular activities*
- *loaning or providing suitable kit for competitions or special activities where appropriate*
- *avoiding frequent changes and considering the financial impact of any future change*
- *making good-quality second-hand uniform available in a timely and discreet way*
- *reviewing supplier arrangements, prices, quality and value for money regularly and re-tendering any exclusive branded-uniform contract at least every five years*
- *consulting pupils and parents/carers before any significant change.*

Financial support

No child will be disadvantaged or miss classroom teaching because their family is experiencing difficulty obtaining a uniform. Families are encouraged to contact the school office confidentially so that practical support can be agreed.

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Everyday uniform

Pupils should wear:

- *a plain royal/cobalt-blue school sweatshirt or cardigan; a Marner-logo sweatshirt or cardigan may be worn if preferred, but the logo is not required*
- *a white polo shirt, with or without the school logo*
- *plain black trousers, a skirt or a pinafore; skirts and pinafores should be knee-length or longer*
- *plain black, white or grey socks or tights*
- *flat, sensible and fully enclosed black shoes; trainers are acceptable if they are entirely black.*

4.2 Optional and seasonal items

- *Plain black shorts may be worn in warmer weather.*
- *Blue gingham summer dresses may be worn during the summer term.*
- *Plain black or navy coats may be worn in colder weather. A school-logo coat, fleece or shell jacket is available but is not required.*
- *Branded book bags, rucksacks, caps and winter hats are optional. A practical generic alternative is acceptable.*

4.3 PE and swimming

On timetabled PE days, pupils should attend school in:

- *a white PE T-shirt, with or without the Marner logo*
- *plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms*
- *black plimsolls or trainers*
- *a plain royal/cobalt-blue hoodie or Marner-logo blue hoodie, when available, as an optional warm layer.*

For swimming, pupils should bring suitable close-fitting swimwear, a swimming cap and a towel. Goggles may be worn where permitted by the swimming provider. Branded swimming items are not required. The school will agree to reasonable adaptations for religious, medical, sensory or physical needs.

4.4 Appearance, hair and jewellery

- *Religious head coverings, including hijabs and turbans, should be plain, without embellishment, and black, white or blue.*

- *Hair should be neat and appropriate for school. Hair accessories should be plain blue, white or black. Marner embraces Afro-hairstyles and follows the Halo Code. Shaved designs or patterns are not permitted.*
- *Long hair should be secured when needed for safety, including during PE, swimming, food preparation or practical activities.*
- *Jewellery should be minimal and safe. A plain watch and small stud earrings are permitted. Other jewellery and smartwatches are not permitted.*
- *Makeup, nail varnish and acrylic or false nails are not permitted.*
- *Outdoor hats and caps should be removed inside the school building. This does not apply to religious or agreed medical head coverings.*

4.5 Labelling and care

All clothing, coats, footwear, PE kit and bags should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name. Items should be clean, safe, fit for purpose and in reasonable condition. Uniforms do not need to be new and may be repaired or second-hand.

4.6 Where and how to buy uniform

Marner-logo sweatshirts and cardigans are available from Khalsa Schoolwear for families who wish to buy them. They are optional. Plain royal/cobalt-blue school sweatshirts and cardigans, and all other generic items, may be bought from any suitable retailer.

Online	<u>Direct Marner shop:</u> khalaschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/marner-primary/
In store	Khalsa Schoolwear, 388-390 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 0AH (opposite Tesco)
Telephone	020 7729 3286

To order online, open the direct Marner shop, select the item, choose the size and quantity, add it to the basket and follow the checkout instructions. Delivery options and charges are shown by Khalsa at checkout. Khalsa recommends ordering before early August to avoid the busiest back-to-school period. Families should check the supplier's current sizing, delivery and returns information before ordering.

The supplier's price list is reproduced in Appendix 1. It was dated April 2025 and states that prices may change; the current online price at checkout is authoritative.

4.7 Second-hand uniform

Second hand uniforms will be made available to parents during coffee mornings, free of charge and subject to availability. This service is open to current and prospective families and may be accessed discreetly without attending a paid event. The school will also advertise any uniform collection, swap or giveaway through its usual communication channels and website.

The school welcomes clean, wearable donations, particularly royal/cobalt-blue sweatshirts and cardigans, whether plain or carrying the Marner logo. Please wash items and remove or obscure the previous pupil's name before donating them to the school office.

5. Expectations for the school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform on the school premises, when travelling to and from school, and on school trips or when representing Marner where uniform is required. Pupils should take care of their belongings and follow staff instructions about safety.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to help their child attend in clean, labelled uniform and PE kit in reasonable condition. They should contact the school promptly if cost, disability, sensory needs, religion, medical circumstances or another protected characteristic affects compliance.

Questions, objections or complaints about uniforms should be raised reasonably and promptly with the school. Matters relating to cost or policy will be considered locally and, where necessary, through the school's complaints procedure.

5.3 Staff

Staff will apply the policy consistently, calmly and sensitively. Pupils and families will be given a reasonable opportunity to correct issues. Repeated or deliberate non-compliance may be addressed in line with the Behaviour Policy, but staff will first consider whether financial hardship, SEND, medical needs, religion or another protected characteristic is relevant.

A pupil will not miss classroom teaching or be prevented from taking part in PE or another school activity because their family cannot afford a uniform.

5.4 Governing Body

The Governing Body will ensure that this policy is appropriate for Marner's context, implemented fairly, informed by pupil and parent/carer views, and offers a practical and safe uniform at reasonable cost. It will oversee supplier arrangements, value for money and compliance with statutory guidance.

6. Monitoring and review

The Headteacher will monitor the implementation and impact of this policy, including affordability, equality, complaints, access to second-hand uniform and supplier value for money. The policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and approved by the Governing Body, or sooner if statutory guidance or the school's uniform arrangements change.

7. Links to other policies and guidance

- *Behaviour Policy*
- *Equality Information and Objectives*
- *Anti-bullying Policy*

- *Complaints Policy*
- *SEND and Inclusion Policy*
- *Health and Safety Policy*
- *Department for Education: Cost of school uniforms (statutory guidance, updated July 2026)*
- *Department for Education: School uniforms – guidance for schools*
- *Equality Act 2010 and associated advice for schools.*

Appendix 1: Supplier price guide

The prices below are taken from the Khalsa Schoolwear price-list tab published on Marner's uniform webpage. The supplier marked the list as correct at the time of print in April 2025 and subject to change. Prices shown as 'from' vary by size or style. Inclusion in this list does not make an item compulsory.

Item	April 2025 price	Item	April 2025 price
Sweatshirt (logo)	From £12.60	Thermal water bottle	£12.95
Cardigan (logo)	From £15.25	Eco water bottle	£3.35
Polo shirt (logo)	From £9.75	Swimming trunks/costume	£12.40
Fleece (logo)	From £18.95	Swimming hat/goggles	£8.00
Shell jacket (logo)	From £18.95	Hair accessories	£3.35
Infant rucksack (logo)	£14.75	Socks (pack of 5)	£8.25
Junior rucksack (logo)	£15.95	Winter scarf	£8.99
Winter hat (logo)	£6.85	PE T-shirt (logo)	From £7.15
Cap (logo)	£6.85	PE shorts	From £4.99
Trousers	From £12.95	Jogging bottoms	From £11.99
Skirt	From £8.99	Gym bag	£6.95
Pinafore dress	From £18.50	Trainers	From £18.50
School shoes	From £18.50	Plimsolls	From £6.75
Iron-on name tags	£4.95		

Before buying

Check the current price and available sizes in the direct Marner online shop. Plain polo shirts, bottoms, footwear and PE items do not need a logo and may be purchased elsewhere. Optional logo items are a family choice, not a school requirement.

Online ordering summary

1. Go directly to the Marner Primary page in the Khalsa Schoolwear online shop.
2. Choose the relevant product and check the size guide.
3. Select size and quantity, add the item to the basket and proceed to checkout.
4. Choose from the delivery options offered at checkout. Free delivery to school is available only where the supplier shows that Marner has enabled this service.
5. Keep the order confirmation and consult Khalsa's current returns and exchange terms before removing labels or personalising an item.

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