

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

MVC Uniform 2026

Further to my letter last term regarding uniform and following the update from the Principal regarding the new logo last week, I am delighted to share further information about the planned updates to our school uniform at Melbourn Village College.

Following feedback from our uniform consultation and the recommendations of our Parent Panel, we have made the decision to introduce an updated uniform, which will be **fully implemented from September 2026**.

We recognise the importance of ensuring our uniform is comfortable, inclusive and affordable for all families. In response to these priorities, we will be moving to our new uniform fully from September 2026 with our new school logo. This reflects strong parental feedback regarding comfort and suitability, while supporting the Department for Education's statutory guidance on reducing uniform costs. We were delighted to receive prototype of the uniform today for our students to review and try on – you will see photos of our students trying the new polo shirt and jumper with this letter.

Our new uniform will consist of:

- A branded navy MVC polo shirt with our new logo
- A branded navy MVC sweatshirt material jumper with our new logo
- Plain black trousers/tailored shorts/plain black tailored skirt.

Please see our more detailed uniform requirements for further details.

Supporting families with the new uniform introduction

To support families in spreading the cost over time, and in line with Parent Panel recommendations, the new logoed polo shirt will be available for purchase from Schoolyard from May 2026.

Families may choose to begin purchasing the polo shirt this academic year to spread the cost for parents, and it **may be worn by students after May half-term** should you wish.

Until that point, all students are expected to remain in full current school uniform, with details available on our website.

The price point for the new sweatshirts will align with the cost of our current jumpers, and the new polo shirts are expected to be priced between £10–£12.

Please note that the new sweatshirt-style jumper will not be available to purchase until summer so will not be a compulsory item until September 2026. Until then, students may continue to wear the current school jumper over the new polo shirt, should they choose to adopt the new branded polo shirt early. Students must not wear polo shirts other than the new MVC branded polo shirt.

We understand that uniform costs can be challenging for some families. Students in receipt of Free School Meals and are experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for support towards the cost of

an initial polo shirt. If this would be helpful, please contact your child's Form Tutor, who will support you with the process confidentially.

We are also committed to increasing access to pre-loved uniform. As this is a new uniform, second-hand stock will build gradually. We plan to expand our pre-loved uniform provision with sales from the next academic year, and further details will be shared in due course.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we move towards a uniform that reflects our values, supports inclusion, and remains fair and accessible for all families. We will provide a further update once we have confirmation that the new uniform is available to purchase from Schoolyard.

Your sincerely

Mrs Edwards
Vice Principal

Current Uniform



Current uniform to remain the same.

From June



Logoed polo shirts may be worn instead of shirt and tie

From September 2026



New school uniform & PE kit updated as requires replacement

