



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

At Newlands Junior School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside of school. We are continually striving to set high expectations and discipline for our children as well as developing a sense of pride in our school.

Uniform helps to ensure that all children feel equal as they are dressed the same, regardless of a family's financial status. All uniform can be purchased reasonably in supermarkets and local stores. If you are finding it difficult to buy uniform, school has many nearly new items which parents may collect if they enquire at the office.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical, cost effective and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes which can cause competition
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe, black footwear as stated in the school code of conduct. Sandals and trainers should not be worn to school. In Winter a small boot may be worn, but this must be sensible, flat and black (fashion boots, particularly with heels will not be accepted). When the field is wet, trainers are to be worn to prevent mud being brought into school.

Jewellery etc.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are one small, plain stud in pierced ears and small, discreet watches. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. For newly pierced ears these must be covered with plasters in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils are not allowed to wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

Additionally, children are not allowed to come to school wearing make-up, nail varnish or false nails.

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnatural colours. Such hairstyles are not conducive to the learning environment and are not acceptable at school. Should your child come to school with hair that we deem to be unsuitable you will be contacted in order to discuss a way forward to resolve the situation. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for PE, DT and Cookery lessons.

PE

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts (preferably navy), dark tracksuit (preferably navy) and plimsolls or trainers. Pupils will come to school in their kits on the days they have PE or if they are in a sports club. You will be informed of the days via newsletter/text/Facebook. PE kits must not have logos on them or be designer brands.

Pupils with SEND

Whilst Newlands has a strict uniform policy, allowances will be made for children with SEND if the adaptation is due to a specific need. Please discuss this with the SENCo or Head Teacher.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform at all times. If the school has a problem with the clothing or footwear that a pupil is wearing parents/carers will be contacted to bring the correct uniform into school. If this occurs regularly a meeting will be arranged with the head teacher to discuss any issues preventing the child from wearing the correct uniform. If there is a specific reason why an item of uniform cannot be worn at any time parents/carers must inform the school in person, by telephone or by letter/message in the home school diary stating the reason.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are specific reasons, for example religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors and senior leaders

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through the Policy Review Committee. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. Governors and senior leaders will monitor the wearing of school uniform on a regular basis. It will be given a high profile within school and children will be rewarded with points if they are wearing their uniform correctly. In exceptional circumstances support may be given to ensure the correct uniform is available to all children.

PLEASE ENSURE THE CORRECT UNIFORM IS PURCHASED AS WE STILL HAVE CHILDREN WITH INCORRECT COLOURS AND STYLES

**GREY NOT BLACK
WOOLLEN V NECK NOT A SWEATSHIRT
TAILORED TROUSERS NOT JEANS/LEGGINGS
CORRECT SOCKS/TIGHTS
CORRECT FOOTWEAR**

Uniform list

Navy blazer (optional)
Red woollen v neck jumper / cardigan
White shirt
Tie (to be purchased from school office)
Grey tailored trousers
Grey skirt / pinafore dress
Red and white checked Summer dress
Boys - **Black or grey** socks
Girls – **white** socks or **grey/red** tights

Badges can be purchased from school that can be sewn onto blazers.

PE kit list

Plain white polo short or T shirt
Plain dark shorts (preferably navy – no logos, patterns, designs, brands)
Plain dark tracksuit (preferably navy – no logos, patterns, designs, brands)
Plimsolls or training shoes