

Newchurch St Nicholas School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in Appendix A of this policy .

2 Aims and objectives

- Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform: promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is 1 pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears. No other forms of jewellery may be worn by your child except a wristwatch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4 Hair

- 4.1 To avoid the spread of head lice, pupils with long hair must wear it tied back at all times.
- 4.2 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. **This includes the use of long lasting hair dyes which are not natural hair colour.**

5 Footwear

- 5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers, flip flops or crocs to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black sensible school shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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6 Mobile Phones

- 6.1** Mobile phones can be brought into school and left at the school office during the day. This is only for children who walk home alone to allow them to contact parents on the journey to and from school. All phones left in the office are done so at your risk and school accepts no responsibility if the phone is lost or stolen. Children must not use mobile phones during the school day and if this happens they will be banned from bringing their phone into school.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are genuine reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.
- 7.4** The School Admissions Code, issued in 2014 provides guidance for governors on school uniform and the impact on fair access to school places. The code does acknowledge that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and setting the tone of a school. Governors however must ensure that uniform policies do not unfairly disadvantage certain social groups or discourage some parents from seeking a place for their child.

The code states that governing bodies:

- should help to limit the expense of school uniforms;
- should ensure that the uniform chosen is widely available in high street shops and other retail outlets, rather than from an expensive sole supplier;
- should not seek to operate as sole suppliers in order to raise additional funds through the sale of new uniforms;
- should have arrangements in place to ensure that no family feels unable to apply for admission on account of high uniform costs;

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- should consider having schemes for remission of cost which cover children eligible for free school meals and children whose parents are entitled to the maximum level of working tax credit.

The school and governors believes that it meets the School Admissions Code guidance, but welcomes feedback from parents on this matter.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its resources committee by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
 - considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform. **Any special dispensation for sensory needs will only be authorised on medical grounds with evidence .**
 - requesting feedback from the headteacher to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix A

Newchurch St Nicholas CE Primary School Uniform
List

Girls

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

White or blue polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore

Black sensible shoes

White and blue checked dress (Summer only)

Boys

Navy sweatshirt

White or blue polo shirt

Grey trousers

Black sensible shoes

Grey shorts (Summer only)

PE uniform

Indoor kit

White T shirt

Black or navy shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor kit

Dark plain Tracksuit

Trainers