



Newtown Primary School

Uniform Policy

2024 / 2025

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts/t-shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. All items of uniform are easily available at local shops including supermarkets. We do not require or expect children to wear 'Newtown' branded school uniform.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain and either red or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn at school unless for an out-of-school hour's function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes, as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good condition and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of the school's pastoral team to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher with the implementation of the school uniform policy. It considers all requests from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform is made up of the following:



- Plain grey / black trousers, skirts or dresses
- White t-shirts or shirts
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Red summer dresses
- Plain socks
- Sensible black shoes (no open toes, sandals, raised platforms)

PE Kit is made up of the following:



- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- A pair of plimsolls or non-marking black trainers
- For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed

School Bags

Children do not need to bring lots of equipment to school, pupils require a book bag and/or a small rucksack that can fit easily on their coat peg.

Non – Compliance

As a school, we will work sympathetically with all families to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, however, following government guidance, Newtown Primary School may give sanctions for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This policy should be read along with the DfE guidance School uniforms: guidance for schools (April 2024).

Unwanted Uniform

If you have any unwanted uniform that can be recycled. We would greatly appreciate this, and we can then offer uniform back to any parents that can make use of this. We kindly ask that any donated uniform is in a good, clean condition. Please hand in any donations to the school office.