

# **Newbold Verdon Primary School Uniform Policy**

## **Introduction**

It is our school policy that we encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a guide of the items for school uniform within this policy.

## **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.

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. We ask that the children do not wear earrings on PE or swimming days (especially very young children) or remove these earrings themselves before PE and games, or cover them with tape, to prevent them from causing injury. The school will not supply tape or apply it.

## **Extreme haircuts**

The school does not encourage children to have 'extreme' haircuts or colours as they could serve as a distraction to other children.

## **Footwear**

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 advise children to wear such shoes in our school, on Health and safety grounds. We prefer children to wear shoes rather than training shoes as training shoes are required as part of their PE kit.

The School Uniform consists of:-

Black, grey or dark blue trousers, shorts, skirt or dress  
White or pale blue polo shirt  
Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school badge  
Blue fleece coats are optional. Children are required to have a suitable winter coat during the colder weather.

PE

Black or dark shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls for indoor PE.  
A suitably warm tracksuit, t-shirt and trainers for outside PE.

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn in school.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents benefit from sending their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork, as it reduces pressure for 'designer wear'. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child attends school in clothing that is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. 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 look sympathetically at such requests.

We recommend that all school uniform items are labelled with the child's name. Lost uniform is placed in lost property which is located in boxes by the Hall door.

### **Non-Compliance with school uniform**

If children wear clothes to school that represent a Health and Safety risk eg high heels, dangling chains on clothes etc, the child is approached and asked not to wear the garment to school. If the child appears again in school in items that pose a risk, then the parents or guardian will be contacted (by telephone usually) and the request is made for the child not to wear the clothing and a reason why is to be given.

No family or child will be discriminated against if the family is unable to provide them with the required items of uniform and PE kit. We are sensitive to families who are in financial difficulties and may be able to offer support to those in need. If any parents want support, please contact the school office or Headteacher.

## **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Equality Issues**

The school governors have regard to their responsibilities under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Equality Policy.

Whilst children must adhere to the school's uniform policy, we are sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. We accommodate the variety of needs within the general uniform policy.

## **Monitoring and review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

**Signed:**

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**Next review: Spring 2019**