

Newton Bluecoat Church of England Primary School

Mission statement



Policy Owner: SEC

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UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

At Newton Bluecoat CE School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented, and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children are encouraged to wear smart school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We hope our pupils will take a pride in their personal appearance.

A complete list of items needed for school uniform is available in Appendix A.

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 the children coming to school in clothes that could be distracting in class
- ✓ Makes children feel equal to their peers
- ✓ Is regarded as suitable for school and good value for money by most parents
- ✓ Is designed with health and safety in mind

To ensure that these aims are realised, the Headteacher retains overall responsibility for assessing the appropriateness of individual items of clothing and hairstyle.

Jewellery

For safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are for medical reasons provided by a medical professional and earring studs. Children are required to remove these items for PE lessons to prevent injury, or cover with tape if they cannot be removed. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Parents should be aware that earring studs present a risk of injury to pupils at break and lunchtimes. They must be removed for swimming. It would be helpful if pupils having their ears pierced could have the procedure in late July so their ears are sufficiently healed by September.

Watches should be a sensible size, should not distract either the child or other pupils and should be removed for PE. Smart watches capable of recording sounds or images are not allowed under the provisions of our safeguarding policies. Make-up or hair dye should not be worn in school.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back with simple hair bobbles or bands for safety reasons. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should be discouraged from having decorative patterns cut in to their hair or have hair dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we ask that children wear flat shoes. These should be plain black. If boots are worn, these should be black. Staff may ask children to wear PE pumps if they believe the children's shoes are unsuitable for indoors.

The Role of Parents

Parents should ensure all uniform is clearly named. If a parent has difficulties with this, they may seek support from the school office. The school welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. All requests for adjustments to the school's uniform policy will be considered sympathetically. If any parent wishes to request an exception to the school uniform policy, they should contact the school office on office@newtonbluecoat.lancs.sch.uk

The Role of Governors

The Governing Board support the Headteacher on matters arising from the school uniform policy. The Governing Board will consider all representations from parents regarding the school uniform policy and ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the uniform policy meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Monitoring and Evaluating

The Governing Board monitors and reviews the school's uniform policy through its committee work by:

- ✓ Seeking the views of parents when necessary
- ✓ Considering, alongside the Headteacher, any requests from parents regarding the school's uniform policy

Appendix A

Uniform List

Girls

- ✓ Navy Blue/ Navy grey skirt/ pinafore or trousers
- ✓ School crested blue polo shirt
- ✓ School crested Sweatshirt/cardigan
- ✓ White/ grey/ navy blue socks or tights
- ✓ Blue checked dress worn in summer
- ✓ White/navy flat sandals worn in summer

Boys

- ✓ Grey trousers/shorts
- ✓ School crested blue polo shirt
- ✓ School crested Sweatshirt
- ✓ Grey socks
- ✓ Navy/black soft-soled shoes

PE – Stored in a named drawstring PE bag

- ✓ Navy blue crew necked t-shirt or sports shirt
- ✓ Navy shorts/ training joggers
- ✓ Slip on pumps for indoor PE

- ✓ Key Stage 2 children may wear trainers

General points on uniform/ dress

Coats and hats are left to parents' discretion. All uniform is available from our uniform provider:

<https://willowfarmembroidery.co.uk/search?type=product&q=Newton+Bluecoat>

Other items are available from Willow Farm but are optional.

Good quality, second-hand items are available, please contact the school office for more details:

office@newtonbluecoat.lancs.sch.uk or call 01772 684415