



## UNIFORM POLICY

(Non-Statutory)

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<b>Signature</b>	Signed on behalf of FGB
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## **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations. Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances the pupils' safety. A smart appearance should encourage the pupils to be positive role models.

### **We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.**

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with their child's teacher either in person or by letter. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform and they will not be made to feel uncomfortable when the circumstances are out of their control. When children are not dressed appropriately, the school office will initially contact parents, who will be expected to talk to their children at the end of the day and ensure the correct uniform is worn in future. Staff will not confront children, unless this is part of an agreed strategy with parents.

Fashions alter with such bewildering speed that it is not possible to cater for every possibility in print. The school, therefore, reserves the right to decide what is or is not acceptable to a learning environment, both in uniform and general appearance. It would be advisable, therefore, for parents to contact the school before spending money if there is any doubt.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. sports day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

Please contact the school for further guidance on uniform and personal appearance with regard to faith and belief.

### **Uniform Code**

- Plain black, sensible, flat shoes.
- Plain black or navy socks/tights.
- White socks can be worn only if you are wearing a skirt or dress
- Plain navy blue skirt or pinafore dress.
- Children can opt to wear blue and white check dress.
- Plain navy blue trousers or shorts (no cords, denims, canvas trousers or hipsters).
- Pale blue polo shirt preferably with Newlands logo **or** pale blue shirt/blouse with Newlands blue school tie **or** red Newlands 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Polo shirt
- Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt preferably with Newlands logo.

### **PE AND GAMES**

- Pale blue round neck t-shirt preferably with Newlands logo
- Navy blue or black sports shorts
- Trainers
- In winter, children may wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms and top for outdoor activities
- Spare socks if the weather is wet

**Many items are available for sale using the standard order form available from the school office or on our website.**

### **Outdoor clothing**

Pupils should bring a coat to school each day (unless it is warm and dry) which needs to be practical and appropriate for the weather. A hooded jumper does not constitute a coat.

### **Providing spare uniform or kit for pupils to wear**

Chestnut Class has spare uniform that can be used should a pupil be without their own. In addition, each class has spare PE kit that can be given out should a child forget their own.

In both cases, if these spares are used they should be taken home, washed and returned to school by the pupil. Uniform and PE kit should not, however, be borrowed from other pupils.

### **Bags and belongings**

Space in cloakrooms is limited therefore **large** rucksacks and bags should not be brought to school. A book bag or small bag is a sensible option and is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school.

Please remember that PE kits can remain in school for the week and they should be stored in a small, draw-stringed bag.

### **Hats, Headscarves or Headwear**

Woolly hats in the winter, and peaked caps in the summer are important ways of protecting children against extreme weathers. However, pupils should remember to remove them when inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. The wearing of scarves and snoods is a serious health and safety concern. These items could get caught on something or accidentally pulled and cause strangulation, therefore children are not allowed to wear these items at school.

Any hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (black, navy blue). Therefore large ribbons and bows, are not acceptable.

### **Hairstyles**

Pupils' hair should be neat and tidy at all times. All children with longer hair, boys or girls, are expected to have it tied back. This is for health and safety reasons as well as to guard against any spread of head lice/nits. Fringes should not obscure children's eyes.

Braided hair with beads or coloured decorations, extreme hairstyles, spiked, coloured hair or designs shaved into the hair are not acceptable.

Subtle and limited use of hair sprays and gel is allowed to be applied before school in order to keep hair looking neat and tidy.

### **Fingernail Polish or Make-Up**

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed. Finger nails to be short, neat and clean.

### **Jewellery/Accessories**

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for a watch (excluding smart watches). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe.

All studs must be removed for PE although they may be taped for the first 6 weeks after the initial piercing. With this in mind we ask that if parents are considering piercing their child's ears that they do so at the start of the summer holidays. Parents should also note that it is the child's responsibility to remove their earrings for PE so it may be better for them to be left at home on these days.

### **Body Piercing and Tattoos**

Piercings are prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. Pupils are not allowed to have tattoos of any kind on their body and if they are seen with them, they will be asked to wash them off.

## Naming Clothing and Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

### Footwear

Pupils must wear sensible, leather/synthetic leather closed-toed, plain, **all black shoes (no boots of any sort)** which can be securely fastened. Open-toed sandals, trainers, heeled shoes, slip on shoes and boots are not appropriate for school.

School Shoes	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
 	 
 	 
 	 
	 