



# School Uniform and Dress Policy

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## Newburgh Primary School

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#### Introduction:

It is our school policy that children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours unless otherwise advised.

#### 1 Aims and objectives:

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

#### How does THIS policy support the development of appropriate British Values?

In our school we teach children to be respectful of each other and we believe that by learning about the differences and beliefs of others we will develop a greater understanding and tolerance. Our 'one word school rule' for each of our primary schools support this aim. The government set out its definition of 'British values' in its Prevent Strategy. We reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

- Democracy: Democracy is rife in our schools! Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.
- The Rule of Law: The importance of Law, i.e. those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that govern and protect us, responsibilities this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Lifeguards etc. are regular parts of our calendar. Pupils are regularly rewarded for great behaviour with stars, pebbles, house points and praise.
- Individual Liberty: Our pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate and provide boundaries for children to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices.
- Mutual Respect: Our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core values such as 'Consideration' - our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.
- Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We offer opportunities

to experience diversity through visits to places of worship and year group links to other schools in areas which are different to our own. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE.

## **2 The Newburgh Primary School Uniform:**

### **2.1 Boys**

- Black school trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Newburgh sweatshirt or cardigan – MUST have school logo
- Black shoes (flat sole / low heels) – NO boots or trainers
- Black / white socks
- Baseball cap (summer weather and school visits)

### **2.2 Girls**

- Black school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Newburgh sweatshirt or cardigan – MUST have school logo
- Black shoes (flat sole / low heels) – NO boots or trainers
- Black or white socks / grey or black tights
- Blue check dresses (optional – Summer Term and Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> half; NOT navy blue)
- Baseball cap (summer weather and school visits)
- Plain blue, black or brown hair band or clips (if required) – NO large bows or flowers
- NO nail varnish

### **2.3 PE Uniform (for boys and girls)**

- Black shorts
- Black or white socks
- Plain white T-shirt
- Trainers for outside PE
- Black pumps for indoor PE
- Named PE bag
- Suitable outdoor clothing for cold weather activities

2.4 School sweatshirts, cardigans, PE bags and book bags can be purchased directly from Brigade, our uniform supplier: [www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com)

## **3 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 and these are therefore not permitted. Trainers are not suitable for daily wear to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet, and is only suitable for sports, PE and leisurewear. It is also not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform. Sensible, flat, black shoes (no flip flop sandals) should be worn.

## **4 Hair:**

Hair sculpting (eg, excessive tram lines, ticks and other markings) is not allowed. Hairstyles must be neat and smart. Use of gels and / or styling products should be minimal. For reasons of health and safety and to avoid the spread of head lice between children (boys and girls),

all shoulder length and longer hair should be tied back with a hair band. Highlights, dyeing and colouring of hair is not allowed.

**5 Jewellery:**

The only jewellery pupils are permitted to wear on school premises are small, sensible watches and plain silver or gold stud earrings. This includes non-uniform days. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings must be taped over or removed during PE lessons. Teachers cannot be responsible for either removing or taping over earrings in this situation. Parents should note that earrings are worn at children's and parent's own risk and school cannot be held responsible for accidents which occur involving them. Other items of jewellery (eg, necklaces, bracelets, bangles) should not be worn in school.

**6 PE:**

It is a legal requirement that all children participate in PE lessons. **Children must have their PE kit in school at all times and are required to change into their PE kit for PE lessons.** Children can wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities whichever season we are in. for reasons of health and safety, track suit bottoms cannot be worn for gymnastics and dance. If children need to cover arms and legs for religious reasons, black leggings or long sleeved leotards can be worn for gymnastics and dance as long as the legs of the garment do not drag on the floor. Children are required to take PE kit home if wet or muddy following an outdoor session to be cleaned and returned to school.

**7 Swimming:**

Boys

- Trunks or close fitting shorts
- Swimming hat

Girls

- One piece costume only
- Swimming hat

**8 Non-uniform days:**

From time to time there will be non-uniform days when children and staff may come to school in their everyday clothes; these days will be fund-raising events and members of the school community may be asked to contribute a sum of money for the privilege of not wearing uniform. On non-uniform days the following items of clothing are NOT permitted:

- High-heeled shoes or open-toed sandals
- Strappy tops which expose the shoulders
- Cropped tops which expose the midriff
- Very short skirts
- Jewellery of any kind
- Long skirts that touch the ground
- T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate slogans

During non-uniform days children will still be in a school where work will be taking place. Therefore 'party attire' would not be in-keeping with a place of work.

**9 Make-up and tattoos:**

Children must not wear make-up to school. Stick-on tattoos are also not appropriate for school. Neither are false nails. Children should not wear nail varnish to school.

**10 Responsibility for School Uniform:**

Parents **MUST** label all items of school uniform, including shoes and trainers. The school cannot accept any responsibility for items of clothing lost in school: parents must instil in children the concept that they are responsible for their personal belongings.

**11 The Role of Parents:**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

**12 The Role of Governors:**

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

The Governors will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

**13 Equality:**

At Newburgh Primary School, equality considerations are central to what we do. We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and to preventing all unlawful discrimination whether against individuals or groups on grounds of age, race, gender, physical or learning disability. Equality is simply not a minority issue. It is important to everyone.

**14 Safeguarding:**

The school takes its responsibilities of safeguarding children very seriously. All staff will ensure at all times that the safety and well-being of children is the first consideration. Staff will consider the health and safety aspects of any activities offered to children and check the suitability of any visitors engaged to work with the children.

**Signed:**

**Date:**