



Newton Village Academy

School Uniform Policy 2024

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide pictures of the items needed for school uniform on our school website.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- provides 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 or alienate children on grounds of family income;
- 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:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance we ask children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.
- The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays.
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

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 allow children to

wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers unless being worn with Sports Uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Boots are not allowed to 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 have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it 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 Headteacher. 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.

The Role of Governors (Local Academy Committee and The Trust Board)

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

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

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

School Uniform

Our School uniform is available to buy from Cumbria Embroidery or Identity.

Our school uniform is :

- Red jumper or Cardigan with school logo.
- White short sleeved polo shirt.
- Tartan skirt/ pinafore or grey trousers

(Please note, Tartan Skirt/Pinafores only available from Cumbria Embroidery)

- Grey socks or tights.
- Black School Shoes (No trainers)

PE Uniform

PE Uniform is available to buy from Identity or 17Sport, Barrow in Furness.

- Red Newton sports jacket (With School Logo)
- Red Newton Sports polo (With School Logo)
- Plain Black leggings/ Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms/ Plain Black Shorts (with School Logo) with Black Trainers.

School Uniform can be purchased from:-

Cumbria Embroidery

168 Dalton Road
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria
LA14 1PU

17 Sport

23-25 Cavendish Street
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria
LA14 1SF

Identity

Unit 2,
Business Park
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria
LA14 2PE

This policy will be reviewed: September 2025

Agreed by Staff: Date: 16th September 2024

Signed: *L. Fell* (Headteacher)

Agreed by Governing body: Date: 16th September 2024

Signed: *P. Fussell* (Chair of Governors)