



POLICY FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

Our school uniform can be purchased from Top Class Uniforms.

You can place orders via their website – www.tcuniforms.co.uk or visit the shop directly -

4 Moulton Place, Blakelaw, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3RL

You can also contact them via telephone 0191 271 0000 and email sales@tcuniforms.co.uk

The children **must wear the school uniform**, which consists of:

- Tie (Years 1-6)
- Grey V Neck School Jumper
- Grey Trousers
- Purple Tartan School Kilt
- Grey Tights/Socks

- White Shirt
- Black Shoes
- Lilac Gingham Summer Dresses
- Purple PE T-Shirt
- Purple PE Hoodies also available from the uniform shop.
- A change of indoor shoes must be worn for PE – E.g Plimsoles or a pair of indoor trainers.

Alternate Tartan Style Skirt Link - <https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/product/grey-purple-tartan-skirt-3/>

Children can also wear a Plain Grey Kilt Style Skirt.

With children wearing uniform, it is **ESSENTIAL** that names are written in labels or that name labels are attached inside clothing.

Affordability

Non-branded items can be purchased from supermarkets (for example school shirts, grey trousers, grey pleated skirt, black PE shorts).

A more affordable alternative to the tartan kilt can also be purchased following the link above.

(Walbottle Village)

We hold a good supply of pre-worn uniform in school and parents can contact the school office if they would like to request items of uniform. Our parent group also hold regular pre-worn uniform stalls across the year, where parents can take second hand uniform items free of charge, exchange them for their own child's outgrown uniform or for a donation if they choose.

(Beech Hill)

Some items of pre-worn uniform are available from school and parents can contact the school office. There is also the opportunity for parents to buy pre-worn uniform during the summer holidays from the St Oswald's Hospice Shop in West Denton with each item costing 50p.

Jewellery & Fashion items

In addition to uniform, we place great emphasis on children's overall appearance. For this reason, jewellery, (rings, bracelets and necklaces), Make-up, (including nail varnish), and extreme haircuts are not allowed in school. We do allow the wearing of small single ear studs in pierced ears but we ask that any ear piercing takes place at the start of the six week summer break to allow time to heal. We ask the children to remove ear-rings during PE lessons/sporting activities. Earrings cannot be covered.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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. Parents should 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 head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of the Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed every two years