

New Park Primary Academy – Uniform Policy

Principles

We believe wearing appropriate uniform is an important part of being ready and prepared for the day. It develops a sense of belonging and school identity and promotes a socially inclusive and equal environment for all children. We have high expectations of our children and expect them to take pride in wearing their school uniform and coming to school ready to learn.



Our Uniform:

- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan with the New Park school logo (available to buy from Emblazon): No other sweatshirts or cardigans are allowed
- Plain black or grey trousers, plain loose black or grey skirt or grey pinafore dress – skirts should be loose enough and long enough to allow children to sit cross-legged, tight-fitting skirts are not appropriate for school
- Plain white shirt or white polo shirt (must have collar)
- Plain black or grey tights or ankle-length socks
- Plain black shoes. No boots, heels, sandals or flip flops. No logos
- Waterproof coat (not a hoodie)



Summer options:

- Grey or black tailored knee length shorts
- Green Gingham dress (Matalan and M&S have the closest colour match)
- Hat or cap (taken off once indoors)
- Plain white socks

Other options:

- Branded school book bags and PE bags are also available to purchase from Emblazon. These are NOT compulsory items of school uniform

Shoes:

School shoes should be all black, flat and logo-free with a secure fastening. Boots, including ankle boots, sandals, flip-flops and sports-branded trainers are not allowed at school. Slip-on shoes are not appropriate for school and should not be worn. In very wet or cold weather children can wear wellies or warm boots to school and change in the cloakroom. Children must be able to put on and take off their shoes themselves. Please do not send your child in shoes with laces until they are able to tie them independently.



Nursery:

Nursery children are not required to wear the school uniform but can do so if they choose

PE Kit:

For health and safety reasons it is essential that children are appropriately dressed for any physical activity. PE is a statutory element of the national curriculum and children come to school wearing their PE kit on the appropriate days.

- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan with the New Park school logo
- Plain black or grey shorts, jogging bottoms or cotton leggings
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (logo NOT compulsory)
- Trainers or plimsolls that fit securely
- All jewellery must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Plasters or tape must be provided by parents for jewellery that cannot be removed



Swimming:

For the year groups which attend swimming lessons the following is required:

- One-piece costume, trunks or swimming shorts (shorts must not be baggy or longer than mid-thigh)
- Hair bobbles to tie up long hair
- Swimming cap
- Towel

Children will not be allowed in the pool if:

- They are wearing jewellery (including earrings)
- They are wearing stick on tattoos
- They are wearing nail varnish
- They are wearing a two-piece swimming costume, or swimming shorts that are longer than mid-thigh length or are baggy



Jewellery:

Children who have pierced ears will be permitted to wear one pair of plain studs. No other jewellery is permitted. Studs must be covered with tape during P.E or other active lessons which is in keeping with health and safety guidance for schools. Plasters or tape must be provided by parents for jewellery that cannot be removed. We recognise that children may need to wear an item of jewellery for religious reasons and that this is a cultural and religious need that should be respected. These items will need to be removed or covered during P.E. The school is unable to take responsibility for the safekeeping of any items of jewellery throughout the day.



Make up/ Hair:

Children are not permitted to wear makeup to school. This includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos. Hair which is below the shoulder must be tied back. Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn; however, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable.

Labelling:

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name. The school is not responsible for misplaced or lost clothing.

Race Equality/ Equal Opportunities:

The governing body and school staff have a duty to ensure that all pupils are treated equally and that any disadvantages are addressed. The wearing of school uniform is an essential part of promoting equality and building positive learning community that is free from discrimination. The school will respect variations to the uniform policy if they are directly in relation to religious, cultural or medical reasons. Variations will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain the discretion of the head teacher and the governing body.

Non - Compliance with the school uniform policy:

Parents will be informed in advance of joining the school that the school uniform policy is compulsory. Where a child does not follow the agreed policy the following action will be taken

- In the first instance parents will be contacted by the office to ask why the child is not in correct uniform and how the school can help
- If a child regularly attends without uniform or in the wrong uniform parents will be invited in to meet with the assistant headteacher or headteacher
- School may be able to lend items of uniform to families in financial difficulty
- If a child attends school without the correct PE kit parents will be asked to bring the child's kit to school. If they are unable to do so the child will be given a school PE kit to wear
- The school has a selection of spare uniform items that children can change into

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