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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.

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

The Newburgh Primary School Uniform:

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)

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 1st 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

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

School sweatshirts, cardigans, PE bags and book bags can be purchased directly from Brigade, our uniform supplier: www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

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.

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.

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. Children may not take part in swimming lessons unless earring are removed or very securely taped over. 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.

PE:

It is a legal requirement that all children participate in PE lessons. **Children attend school on their PE days in their PE kit.** Children can wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities whichever season we are in but 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.

Swimming:

Boys

Trunks or close fitting shorts
Swimming hat

Girls

One piece costume only
Swimming hat

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.

Make-up and tattoos:

Children must not wear make-up to school. Stick-on tattoos are also not appropriate for school. Children should not wear nail varnish or have false nails for school.

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.

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. We have a good supply of second hand uniform that can be accessed via the Pastoral and community entrance each day.

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.

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.

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.