School Uniform Policy

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In line with DFE School uniforms: guidance for schools (6th July 2026)

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children (optional in nursery) wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found in this policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for 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
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Creates peer equality in terms of appearance
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

Uniform

At Newdale, our school colours are navy blue, black and grey. We request children wear a navy jumper / sweatshirts / cardigans and grey or black skirts / pinafores or trousers. In warmer months, blue gingham dresses / black or grey smart shorts can be worn. All children need to wear sensible shoes (no heels or trainers please). In the colder weather, girls are permitted to wear black, navy or grey tights.

For P.E. children need black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms and a navy t-shirt. They also need trainers and a navy blue/ black jumper / fleece for outside P.E.

Baker and Sons

School uniform is available from Baker and Sons in Wellington town centre, opening hours are;

Monday to Saturday 9.00am- 5.00pm

Website orders are also available, please follow the link below.

http://www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/your-school/newdale-primary-school/

Parents may purchase uniform items from local supermarkets as long as they meet the school's colour requirements. School-branded clothing is not compulsory, ensuring compliance with DfE guidance 2026 on no more than three compulsory branded items.

All uniform should be named. Any lost unnamed uniform will be taken to lost property. Lost property still unclaimed after a realistic period of time will be sold or donated.

Jewellery & Makeup

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule include earring studs in pierced ears, a watch and jewellery linked to religion. Children must remove or cover these items during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. Please note that if your child has a SMART watch, only fitness trackers are permitted due to issues around safeguarding, with some SMART watches having camera and messaging features.

No makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.

Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Hair Accessories

Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours. Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides; again plain using school colours. Fashion beads and gems are not part of the school uniform policy; however cultural beads are permitted.

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 dressed correctly 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 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 Teachers and Support Staff

All staff will set a good example in terms of dress. This should be determined by smart professional dress and can be varied according to the activities being taught. For example, PE should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider 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 meets regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils and staff comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.

Example letter sent to parents:

Uniform for next year

Dear Parent / Carers,

Uniform is incredibly important to us at Newdale and underpins our ethos, values, and emphasis on how children should approach life at school. We understand there are differing opinions on the need for school uniform, but through my personal experience in many different educational settings, uniform does set the tone for expectations around conduct, behaviour, and attitudes; this in turn impacts on the smooth running of lessons and the atmosphere within the school. We will continue to place a high emphasis on children wearing it correctly and well and your continued support in this respect is very much appreciated.

At Newdale our school colours are **navy blue**, **black** and **grey**.

We request children wear a **navy** jumper or cardigan and grey or black skirts / pinafores or trousers along with a **light blue** collared shirt. If you would like to order uniform with our school logo on, please do so via Baker and Sons Schoolwear in New Street, Wellington 01952 641897. This is not compulsory: uniform without a logo is acceptable as long as it matches our chosen colours. In warmer months, blue gingham dresses / black or grey smart shorts can be worn.

All children need to wear sensible shoes (no heels or trainers please). In the colder weather, girls are permitted to wear black, navy or grey tights.

PE Kit

We have decided that we will continue with allowing children to come to school in their School PE kit on PE days. The reasons for this is linked to the time it takes for some children to get changed often eats significantly into the actual time carrying out PE lessons. It is also much simpler to do this, when looking at the lack of private space for children to get changed, and the unhygienic option of them getting changed in the toilets.

The school PE kit is as follows –

A plain or school logo navy PE top

Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms

A plain or school logo navy sweatshirt/hoodie

Black pumps or trainers

We do ask that no sports logo kit is used as school PE kit please – they must be either plain or with the Newdale logo. It is important that everyone abides by our uniform rules as we know how important is it that children feel part of our Newdale team.

If children forget to wear kit or have incorrect kit on PE days, we will ask them to get changed into one of our clean spare kits. The expectation would be that they bring this home and return the clean kit to school as soon as possible.

Please note we only allow stud earrings and ask that all other jewellery is left at home. Earrings will be taped up just before PE, to ensure safety at all times. Long hair must be tied up.

Nail varnish is not permitted in school and the school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

<u>School kit</u>

We do not have cloakrooms outside of the classrooms and hence the space available for children to store coats and bags is limited. Please refrain from buying them huge school bags. School supplies everything they need in lessons, so there is no need for pencil cases, notebooks and they certainly will not have time for toys please.

Thank you for your support in helping your child show that they are 'ready' for each school day.

Miss Cook
Headteacher