



Policy: Uniform Policy

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Rationale

A cornerstone of the education at Nelson Academy is in developing a sense of pride and togetherness within our pupils. As with any uniform, it is key to feeling like you belong to the team and this is an important element of this aim. However, with the increasing cost of living, a balance needs to be achieved between this and value for money for our families.

Links to other Policies

- **Positive Behaviour** - Uniform plays a vitally important aspect of Behaviour management, ensuring that there is a consistent expectation of the pupils.
- **Anti-bullying** – In ensuring all pupils are wearing the same clothing, this reduces issues of teasing and potential bullying around wealth disparities amongst our pupils.

Role of the Parents

The school asks that parents understand the value that we place on uniform and support this through ensuring their child attends school wearing the correct uniform in accordance with this policy or inform the school as to why this is not possible so that additional arrangements can be made.

The school would also ask that all uniform is clearly named and that this is reapplied termly as the ink will have often faded throughout the year.

Role of the School

The school will ensure an updated uniform policy is sent to parents annually informing them of what constitutes the correct uniform. In addition, the school will work with local providers to ensure that a quality uniform is easily available and at a competitive price. At present, all branded clothing can be acquired from www.stratfords.com. The school will also look to review this regularly through parent consultation.

The school will also try to facilitate the selling of 'pre-loved' uniform within the school by asking for donations and selling this through the office or via school/Friends of Nelson Academy events. All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Nelson Academy.

The school will also provide a clearly marked lost property area in which any unnamed items will be placed when lost. Should parents not be able to come into school to check, they can contact the school office who will then have a look.

Role of Staff

Class teachers are responsible for ensuring pupils wear their uniform smartly throughout the day i.e. checking to ensure shirts are tucked in and correct footwear is worn.

Additional ties will be made available within each classroom to ensure that children can meet the expectation.

Set Uniform 2024-2025

- Grey, black or navy skirt, skort, shorts, pinafore or trousers (Blue/white checked summer dress in Summer Term)
 - **Any skirts worn to school should be of an appropriate length i.e. knee length.**
- White cotton blouse/shirt and green school tie
- Nelson Academy logoed school jumper/cardigan/fleece
- Nelson Academy logoed blazer (Year 6 only)
- Plain black shoes that are suitable for play – we allow plain black trainers without air bubbles or heavy design. We also allow plain non-heeled boots but would suggest that these be lightweight so not to impede the children running. Sandals, heeled and open-toed footwear are not safe for school and therefore, we would ask this to be replaced.
- A hat within the second half of summer term, preferably one that covers the neck. Children will be asked to stay in the shade without a hat.
- A coat is required in the winter and on wet days to enable pupils to play outside

PE Clothing

- White or green Nelson Academy logoed T-shirt, or plain white or green T-shirt
- Nelson Academy logoed school jumper/fleece (no hoodies)
- Black shorts (no short cycling shorts i.e. Nike Pro)
- Black or Navy tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings (plain, non-patterned, with no or little brand marking i.e. without three stripes down the side)
- Any sports trainers that are suitable for active lessons and being outside, and that will keep the pupil's feet suitably dry. No studs are allowed.
- Girls are reminded to bring in a spare pair of socks if they wear tights to school.

Outdoor Games Clothing - an additional pair of socks is recommended as these can become wet and often need to be changed. Pupils can wear additional layers under their uniform where needed. PE will take place as planned unless there is heavy rain or the temperature is close to zero.

Please note that football boots including studs can only be worn for football and rugby after-school clubs but not for PE lessons in school time.

PE Days

The school aims to continue asking pupils to attend school in their PE kits on their PE days. This decision has been made to ensure that our pupils are active for as much time as possible. Pupils need to be wearing PE clothes as specified above.

For those attending an afterschool sports club, they should wear normal uniform and change at the end of the school day.

Swimming

Appropriate clothing should be worn during these sessions with a one-piece swimsuit for girls and shorts/trunks for boys. Pupils will also need a swimming hat. Pupils may also wear a rash-shirt and goggles if they would prefer, so long as these do not interfere with their instruction.

Jewellery

It is hazardous to wear jewellery in school, please do not send your child to school with necklaces, bracelets, rings or earrings.

The only exception will be a single small plain stud in each ear. No other body piercings are permitted. We encourage parents, if they wish to have a child's ears pierced, to do this in the long summer holiday.

Earrings must be removed for PE activities and swimming. We cannot use tape any more to cover earrings, so pupils must either have their earrings removed before they come to school or they can remove them themselves before the lesson starts. PE is part of the National Curriculum so pupils cannot miss lessons due to un-removed earrings, but it does mean they will have to do PE in isolation away from their peers.

Watches

Watches can be worn by pupils. Whilst digital sports watches are fine, these will be removed if a distraction and parents should consider the cost and likelihood of damage. Smart watches should not be brought into school if they are capable of connecting to the internet or can take pictures.

Hair

Long hair must be tied back to prevent the spread of head lice and we expect all pupils to come to school with an appropriate hairstyle. Staff will provide pupils with hair bands to tie their hair up if required.

Make Up and Nail Varnish

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn by pupils in school. Staff have appropriate resources available to remove make up and nail varnish if required.

Summer

During the second half summer term, pupils do not need to wear a tie in order to be more comfortable in the rising heat. We would also ask that all pupils wear hats during this second half of the summer half-term.

Winter

From November to March, we would ask that parents send their children to school with a coat suitable for light rain, preferably with a hood as the pupils will play outside unless the rain is

heavy. Should the children not have sufficiently warm clothing, the pupils may have to stay inside instead of attending play.

School Provision

The school will loan items of uniform for a day where children are not wearing the correct items.

In addition, the school is able to support Pupil Premium families where the purchasing of uniform may be an issue. Please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the office if you need any support.

Fashion and availability of items from the high street change rapidly, and therefore it is not possible to cater for every possibility within our policy. Therefore, the school reserves the right to decide what is or is not allowed, both in uniform and general appearance, in cases not catered for by specific rules.

It would be advisable, when in doubt, for parents to contact the school before spending money on items which may not comply with our uniform policy.

The school cannot accept responsibility for valuables and jewellery brought to school by the children. Please remember to clearly label all bags, uniform and PE kits with your child's name.