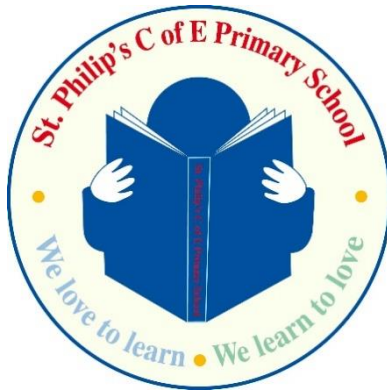


School Uniform Policy

Nelson St Philip's Church of England Primary School



Member of staff responsible: Miss R Moulden

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Our Vision Statement

We love to learn. We learn to love.

With Christ as our Guide,

We love and learn together.

Our children are encouraged to respect their own faith and those of others in our caring Christian environment.

Christian values lie at the heart of all we do.

'God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.'
1 John 4:16

Living out our vision, we aim to:

Guide our children to prepare them for life; Respect themselves and one another; Aspire to achieve their highest potential; Care for the local and wider community; Every child is special in God's eyes.

GRACE

Guide Respect Aspire Care Each of us is special

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;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Introduction

As parents you have the right to choose which school your child attends. Once you have chosen that school you and your child have the responsibility to follow the rules and guidelines of the school.

Rules ensure everybody understands their rights and responsibilities.

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Nelson St Philip's CE Primary School. The school governors and leadership team consider personal appearance of the greatest importance and all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. We firmly believe that a smart uniform encourages a neat and tidy appearance which enables our pupils to feel good about themselves and take pride in their school.

It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance with the School Uniform Policy which has been written using the DfE 2021 guidelines.

Boys

Royal Blue Official sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)

Black/Grey Trousers

White Cotton shirt/ polo shirt

Socks must be worn (plain black or grey)

Girls

Royal Blue Official Sweatshirt/Cardigan (preferably with school logo)

Black/Grey Skirt or Black/Grey Trousers

White Cotton shirt / polo shirt

Socks/ tights/shalwar (plain black or grey)

In summer children girls may wear a blue checked dress.

All clothing should be clearly marked with the child's full name. Losses and mix-ups do easily happen it is important that all items of clothing are clearly marked with children's names and this will help us to sort them out. Lost property is collected by the school office – which should always be your first port of call if you find that an item is missing!

School Shoes

School shoes must be plain black school shoes with a sensible heel, no trainers and no logos. If children have a problem with their usual school shoes, they are permitted to wear other shoes on a temporary basis.

During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school, but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

Children should not wear **any** scarves in school in view of their age and in the best interests of Health and Safety.

Physical Education Kit

PE kit for boys and girls is as follows:

White t-shirt with school logo/ White T-Shirt
Plain black/dark grey tracksuit bottoms or plain black/dark grey leggings
School jumper/school hoodie
Trainers

On their PE day, pupils will attend school in their PE kit, unless notified otherwise.

As fashion trends vary, the Governors reserve the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform Policy.

School Reading Bags:

School reading bags are available from the School Office at the price of £5.00

Jewellery:

As part of the school uniform policy; in common with most other schools and on health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The **only** exception to this rule is a small inexpensive watch which the child must remove before games.

To support the school's policy on jewellery, the Local Authority states that children are not allowed to wear jewellery during swimming or PE activities – this includes earrings. The removal, care of, or replacement of any item of jewellery is not the responsibility of any member of staff.

Hair:

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows.

- Hair should be one length e.g. if your child has a 'number 3' cut, then the style should be 'number 3' all over. Styles with varying lengths e.g. 'number 4' on top and 'number 2' back and sides are **not** allowed at St Philips.
- Boys and girls with hair which is shoulder length or longer must have this neatly tied back at all times with a plain bobble / elastic band. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie their hair up.
- Any hair accessory worn by your child should be discrete and with for the purpose of keeping the hair tidy and must be royal blue in colour. If a hair band is to be worn it should be discrete and thin i.e. no more than 5mm.
- Hairstyles must not incorporate any unnatural designs including ticks, lines, swirls, zig zags etc

If children come to school with styles that are not permitted within the letter or the spirit of the School Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted and advised that the style must be rectified. It is not possible to see misinterpretations of the policy or to predict future fashion trends so parents are reminded of the expectation that the decision of the school must be respected at all times.

It is important that we make clear that haircuts are the responsibility of the parent and not the child. If we have to contact parents on more than 3 occasions in one academic school year we will invite parents into school to talk about the issue with a school governor.

Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

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 the responsibility 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 a child attends school without the correct school uniform or PE kit, coat or shoes, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted and requested to bring in the correct uniform to school. Failure to adhere to St Philip's Uniform Policy will result in a breach of our school uniform policy and you may be requested to collect your child from school.

The Role of Governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Headteacher supported by the Governing Body, reserves the right to take exception to hairstyles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

Parental Support Expectations

In accepting an offer of a place and in sending your child to Nelson St Philip's Church of England Primary School, you are agreeing to fully support school policies, procedures and high expectations.

Update to Policy Record Sheet

Date	Reference / aspect of policy to update	Suggested amendments to consider at next review.