



'Growing up together in Newtown'

St. George's C of E Academy Newtown Uniform Policy 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Church of England School with a strong Christian ethos. We do not discriminate between children and treat them all as individuals. We offer a wide range of exciting and educational opportunities to enhance skills, talents and creativity. The school community appreciates, and accepts others, celebrating the achievements of all.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

At St. George's C of E Academy Newtown, we want ALL of our children to:

- Have an enthusiasm and thirst for learning
- Have confidence to be themselves and consistently aim high to challenge their potential;
- Have an awareness for the world beyond their own – have respect and understanding of others with circumstances different to their own;
- Explore all opportunities provided to discover their talents and abilities;
- To be kind and respectful members of their community;
- Have embedded morals;
- Have fun, good memories of their school life;
- Be inspirational role models.

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School Uniform Policy

We want our pupils to regard their time in school as important and believe that wearing sensible and suitable clothes is a mark of respect for themselves and their school. With parental support, we can encourage our pupils to adopt the right attitude to learning and to school.

Dressing appropriately is part of that process. Part of our responsibility is to ensure that our children are “Secondary Ready,” and this includes the wider aspects of school life as well as the taught curriculum. Secondary schools, and many workplaces take a very firm approach to compliance with uniform rules and codes, and it is important that children follow these.

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school to apply for. Therefore, St. George’s CE Newtown ensures that our uniform is affordable. For this reason, branding is kept to a minimum.

Uniform

All our pupils are expected to wear School Uniform.
It consists of:

- ✓ Blue sweatshirt with school logo
- ✓ White (or blue) Polo shirt or blouse.
- ✓ Grey or black trousers or skirt/pinafore **No jeans please.**
- ✓ Blue and white gingham dress (summer time)
- ✓ Sensible shoes (black, waterproof, no heels) ***No trainers please. No lace up shoes in Reception class.***
- ✓ Navy blue tights or white socks for female students
- ✓ Black or grey socks for male students
- ✓ Navy blue hijab (above the shoulder style please) *if religious beliefs require.*
No jewellery except for stud earrings

Physical Education lessons

Children require dark blue or black shorts, white polo-shirt and pumps for P.E. Dark blue or black tracksuit bottoms and plain trainers are suitable for outdoor P.E. activities.



Please label all clothing. This is essential to prevent property being lost and to enable staff to identify the correct owners. Please clearly label all clothing. Lost property is retained for half a term. Unclaimed property is then disposed of.

Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. We would prefer children not to wear any jewellery whatsoever in school for health and safety reasons. However, we do permit a watch and one pair of small, plain stud earrings (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons.

Novelty watches including Sports Performance Watches, smart watches (such as Apple Watch), or fashion earrings cause distraction and are not appropriate.

If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done at the beginning of the Summer Holidays so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

School cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any jewellery.

Hairstyles

Large hair accessories should not be worn (e.g. large flowers/bows/clips worn in the hair and wraps and beading that could get caught in equipment and apparatus).

Hair accessories that are worn should be in school colours of blue, white or black. Long hair is to be tied back at all times (to reduce the risks of headlice transfer) and certainly needs to be tied back for PE (boys and girls).

Hair colouring is not acceptable.

Appropriate dress on designated non-uniform days

Throughout the year we may have the occasional non-uniform day as part of the fund-raising activities.

We ask parents to consider carefully what clothes their children choose to wear. On dressing up days such as World Book Day, it is lovely to see the children taking part and having fun, however as a general rule we ask that:

- Jewellery, nail varnish and footwear must be in line with the school uniform policy.
- Pupils present themselves in modest clothes for a working day.

Additional Items and personal equipment:

We cannot accept responsibility for loss or theft. It is part of children's growing independence to take responsibility for their own property.

Valuables

Please make sure that children keep their toys, jewellery and valuables at home. Pupils are only allowed to bring mobile telephones inline with our mobile phone policy. Pupils are not allowed to bring tablet computers or games consoles into school as they are expensive items for which the school will not take responsibility.

Book Bags

Children will need a school logoed book bag (available from the main office) these are made of strong, waterproof fabric.

Water Bottle

Children need a **(labelled)** drinks bottle for water. Water bottles are available for purchase at the school office. Children will be allowed to sip water only in lessons, during the school day.

In addition, children should bring an extra bottle (which may contain squash or fruit juice) for lunch times, but these should be kept in the child's sandwich box.

Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

Occasional Wear

Wellingtons and suitable clothes for outside work may be requested occasionally by school for specific activities. An art apron/overall may be requested (an old shirt) when art activities require it.

We endeavour to keep school open if it snows, and we believe that children should have the opportunity to enjoy it!

In the event of snow, please could parents send their child into school with an additional set of warm clothing and footwear into which they can change to play in the snow.

Inclusion

For those who are finding the purchase of uniform financially challenging, the school has options that we offer to support all children being included in our school policies. Those who are eligible for the pupil premium are able to receive additional financial support to purchase the main supply uniform items.

In addition, the school can facilitate the supply of best quality 'pre-loved' uniform which becomes available from lost property that is unable to be returned to its owners due to it being unlabelled or donations to the school from parents of surplus uniform.

Lost property is retained in school for half a term and then any unclaimed property is disposed of.



Tesco UES has now changed to **My Clothing**

School uniform can be ordered online from My Clothing at www.myclothing.com.

All your uniform options in one place, in your school's colours and complete with school embroidered emblem.

No sole agreement or minimum orders, but what you need.

5% Cash donation to your school.

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