

New Horizons Seaside Primary

School Uniform Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours – unless stated otherwise in communication to Parents / Carers regarding specific events such as residential trips or educational day visits.

1.2 Our school uniform consists of:

In Class

- a sky blue 'sweat shirt' or cardigan with the school and Trust logo;
- a plain white polo shirt (these are also available with the school and Trust logo);
- grey trousers, grey tailored shorts or skirt;
- sensible black shoes with no clearly visible logos or white soles;
- in the summer, pupils may alternatively wear a blue and white gingham dress;
- plain socks – black or white.

On PE / Fitness Days

- a royal blue quarter-zip PE top with the school and Trust logo;
- a sky-blue PE T-shirt with the school and Trust logo;
- plain black PE shorts OR plain black jogging suit / tracksuit trousers – NO fashion shorts!
- plain socks – black or white.

On After-School Sports Club Days

- if your child has PE or Fitness on a day on which they have an after-school sports club, they must wear their PE uniform as outlined in the section above to school *and* to the after-school sports club.
- if your child has an after-school sports club on a day on which they do NOT have PE or fitness in school, they must wear their uniform to school as outlined in the 'In Class' section and then change into their own PE clothes at the end of the day for the after-school sports club. Their own PE clothes could be a football kit or other clothing which is suitable for the sporting activity.

- 1.3 The school office will provide you with a paper copy of the school uniform policy, should you request one.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the children with the school;
 - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The ONLY exception to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears.

We ask the children to remove stud earrings during PE and games, or cover them with a micro-pore tape if their ears are newly pierced, to prevent them from causing injury. Children should come into school with plasters in place on days they have PE.

This is in accordance with the WSCC Physical Education health and safety guidelines. Older children may wear a watch (we do not allow Smart watches which can connect to the internet or record sound or images) but the school cannot accept any responsibility for damage to or loss of watches or any other personal property brought into school.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school prefers children not to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Children should also not come in to school with their hair dyed.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 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, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the 'In Class' section (1.2).

6 PE / Fitness Days

- 6.1 Over the pandemic, we noticed the clear advantages that children coming into school wearing PE kits on days they have PE / Fitness can bring – one of the most obvious is the amount of time that is saved at the start and end of PE / Fitness sessions. At the start of the academic year, class teachers will share with you the days on which your child has PE / Fitness lessons.

7 The role of Parents / Carers

- 7.1** We ask all Parents / Carers who send their children to our school to fully support the school uniform policy. We believe that working in collaboration with parents we all have a duty to ensure that children come to school correctly dressed 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. All items of clothing must be named.
- 7.2** The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. 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.

8 The role of the Local Governors

- 8.1** The Local Governing Body supports the Chief Executive Officer in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 8.2** It is the Local Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

9 Monitoring and review

- 9.1** The Local Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work.