

North Nibley C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Policy status	Non-Statutory
Authority responsible for this policy	Teaching, Learning and Community Committee
Policy reviewed/amended	July 2022
Policy review frequency	Head Teacher free to determine.

North Nibley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, formerly the William Purnell Endowed School, was founded in the Eighteenth Century to provide education for the children of North Nibley and the surrounding villages.

Our Vision is to inspire and celebrate learning, achievement, faith and fun.

Ours is a school that works in partnership with the community to enable and equip each child to live life to the full, reflecting the Christian values of our foundation.

We will realise our Vision by:

- demonstrating, as a Church school, our Christian values in action
- providing a happy, healthy and secure environment where all are respected, valued and encouraged to contribute
- encouraging participation and a love of learning by offering experiences full of opportunity and creativity
- pursuing excellence in every aspect of school life, supporting one another and celebrating the achievements of all

Biblical Perspective:

Psalm 104:1

(New International Version)

Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

Introduction:

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

Uniform available for re-use: School holds an irregular supply of previously owned, but 'still good' school uniform. The School Administrator would be very pleased to help you locate items which will fit your child. Please ask at the school office.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

Approved School Uniform:

Our school uniform colour is a combination of bottle green, white, grey and black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. We expect the sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan to have the North Nibley logo. These are sold via Linela, online.

Winter Uniform:

- Sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan, bottle green, with the North Nibley logo.
- Shirt/blouse: white or bottle green.
- Shorts/trousers/skirts: grey or black.
- Plain white, grey or black socks please.
- Shoes should always be in a sensible style (no trainers).

Summer Uniform:

As above, though patterned or checked green and white dresses may be worn. Again, shoes or sandals should always be in a sensible style.

Physical Education (P.E.):

Any change of clothing which is brought into school should be kept in a suitable bag, labelled with your child's name. Dark blue or black shorts that allow the air to circulate around the legs, and a white, round-necked, short-sleeved T-shirt are required, though children can wear a tracksuit in colder weather for outdoor games. Cycling shorts, or shorts of a similar style and tight around the leg / thigh are not permitted. As the school is able to use the field for sport, parents should send suitable footwear for outside wear in games sessions. Training shoes need to be worn for outside use and football boots for junior aged pupils when football is taught. A change of socks is also needed, and longer socks for those children who wear shin pads.

For indoor gym and dance, children work in bare feet. Children need to tie back their hair, and be able to remove their own earrings. (Alternatively, earrings will be taped over.) For this reason, it is best to

arrange for ears to be pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays if you are considering this action for your child.

All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Swimming:

Costume, towel and swimming hat if your child has long hair which is likely to get in the eyes. Dursley Pool requires girls to wear one-piece costumes for lessons. Dursley Pool discourages boys from wearing swimming 'shorts', trunks are preferred. Children may wear goggles but earrings must be removed or taped over.

Team Kit:

From time to time you will see photos of 'School Teams' in gold and green. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of North Nibley School (FONNS) we have a supply of this kit in school and we loan it out for special occasions. On Sports Days, when children complete in their separate school teams, we also provide these coloured tops. Please return any kit you borrow promptly and clean!

Art and Craft:

An old overall or old shirt, clearly marked with the child's name.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers as stated in the uniform list. Shoes should be flat, black, robust and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground for example open toe sandals, slip on shoes and croc style shoes.

Hair, Hair Ornaments and Headwear

The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and the school would prefer that children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. We expect hair longer than shoulder length to be tied back, so that it does not interfere with classwork and less likely to get entangled.

Whenever the weather is particularly hot, we highly recommend that the children wear a suitable hat for outdoor play. These should be the 'cap' variety and not those with brims that may obscure visibility. Hats, hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either green, grey, black or white.

Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. There is also the risk of loss or damage at school. School staff cannot accept responsibility for this. We believe the safest place for jewellery and personal possessions is at home. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Staff members are not permitted to remove pupil's earrings. If the earrings cannot be removed they will be taped over for the PE session.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Tattoos and Piercings

It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to be tattooed.

According to the NHS website there is no legal age restriction on most body piercings, but this school's preference is that, other than earrings, no primary school child should be pierced.

Miscellaneous:

No charge is made for a child's first book bag and water bottle. Subsequent bags and bottles may be purchased from the office.

Money, watches or other valuables, including portable electric devices, can be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping. Unless special permission has been sought and granted, mobile phones must not be brought into school.

A lost property box is kept at school in the entrance hall.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

The school's uniform is illustrated on the following page -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by: seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy; and considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.