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We are children of God: we achieve, believe and care.

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### Aims and Objectives

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending our school, on the basis that:

- it promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- it engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- it is practical and smart;
- it identifies children with the school;
- it is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be);
- it makes the children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- it is regarded as suitable and good value for money;
- it has been designed with health, safety and comfort in mind.

### School Uniform:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Pale blue polo shirt (school logo optional)
- Grey trousers or shorts; grey skirt or pinafore, or blue and white check summer dress
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black shoes

### PE Kit:

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day:

- Pale blue T-shirt (logo optional)
- Navy shorts (if desired in warm weather)
- Plain navy or black jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers
- Plimsolls for indoor PE (can be kept in a bag in the school cloakroom)
- School sweatshirt or cardigan

### Swimming kit:

- Single piece swimming costume (no bikinis or two pieces)
- Trunks or swimming shorts (shorts must be lined and above knee length)
- Towel
- All children with long hair must wear a swimming cap

### Jewellery:

In the interests of health and safety the wearing of any jewellery except wrist watches is not permitted (**NB** smart watches are not permitted). If ears are to be pierced please arrange for this to be done at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure that the ears have had time to heal before the start of the autumn term. Children will not be allowed to wear earrings in school, this includes plastic earring spaces.

### **Hair:**

Long hair should be tied or pinned back so that it does not cover the face or desk. Hair styles or hair accessories which may distract pupils are to be discouraged. Hairbands, bobbles or ribbons should be navy. We also remind all of our pupils that extreme haircuts and coloured/two toned hair dyes are not permitted.

### **Makeup:**

Children are not permitted to wear makeup to school which includes false eyelashes, nail varnish, false/acrylic nails, false tan.

### **Footwear:**

It is strongly recommended that all pupils wear sensible black shoes for school. Trainers may be worn on PE days. Boots may be worn during the winter months; these should be plain, black and without a heel.

### **Non-Uniform Days:**

From time to time we have non-uniform days to celebrate events and/or fundraise. Wearing non-uniform relates only to the clothes worn, the remainder of this policy should be adhered to including jewellery, hair, makeup as set out above.

### **Uniform Providers:**

The majority of our uniform can be purchased at a range of places. School specific uniform (e.g. sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE T-shirts) can be purchased at Little Gems which is situated at The School Outfit (Little Gems), 11-12 Brockwell Road, Crowther, Washington, NE38 0AF or online from <https://theschooloutfit.co.uk/>

Book bags are also available to purchase and are recommended to ensure reading and homework books are transported safely between home and school.

**Pre-worn uniform:**

As a school we try to be as sustainable as possible, and recognise that children can grow out of uniform quickly. This can be costly for families and also bad for the environment if it goes into landfill. We therefore collect pre-worn uniform that is in good condition, and make it available for families to access throughout the school year as needed, usually for a small, voluntary contribution. Enquiries about available stock can be made via the school office.

In specific circumstances, for example reasons of faith or culture, it may be difficult for some pupils to fully comply with the uniform policy. Parents should discuss this with the Headteacher if appropriate.

**Parents:**

We ask for the cooperation of parents to support the school with adhering to the uniform policy. If any family is experiencing difficulty providing the required uniform they should contact the Headteacher to discuss this.

**Governors:**

The LGC supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and suitably, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

**Monitoring and Review:**

When monitoring the policy the governors will:

- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

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