

Newnham Croft Primary School Dress Code

Introduction

It is school policy that all children wear appropriate clothing to enable them to participate fully in all school activities, including learning outside. This means that children will be wearing active-wear in school to enable to move freely and safely at playtimes and during active learning sessions.

Active-wear is defined as:

- Clothing that is flexible and suitable for movement and activity.
- Clothing that is safe for climbing and use on play equipment
- Footwear
 - Trainers, or shoes similar to trainers, are ideal as active school footwear.
 - Wellies, walking boots, plimsolls and sandals can be dangerous if worn when running about.
 - Flat shoes with backs should be worn (not flip-flops or sandals).

Jewellery

In line with health and safety guidelines, children should not wear any jewellery (bracelets, necklaces or earrings). Watches are permitted, but they will need to be removed during PE lessons.

If you would like to have your child's ears pierced, please wait until the start of the 6-week summer break so they can heal and be removed when coming into school in the autumn.

Hair

Children with long hair should ensure it is tied up at all times.

Swimming

For swimming, girls should wear one-piece swimming costumes and boys should wear swimming trunks or shorts. Rash vests/swimming tops are acceptable. Children are encouraged to wear swimming hats.

PE

Children should already be in suitable clothing for PE.

Summer wear

Tops with short or long sleeves (not straps) should be worn to protect shoulders from the sun. We recommend children bring sun hats with neck protection during the summer months. Sun Cream should be applied at home (all-day sun cream if possible) and if sun cream is needed during the day then parents are requested to provide the most practical sort which children are expected to apply themselves and not share with others, in case of allergies.

Winter wear

As soon as cooler weather sets in all children should come to school in warm, waterproof outside clothing which is removed whilst in school and worn during playtimes. Children are expected to go outside in all weathers.

Other

Halter neck or 'strappy' tops are not appropriate for school. Tops must be long enough to cover midriffs. Some clothes such as longer length dresses or skirts, extremely baggy trousers or baggy T-shirts, very short or unduly tight skirts (of any length) are unsuitable for school activities such as climbing, running and sitting on the floor. Make up should not be worn. Party and dressing up clothes are considered unsuitable, except for special occasions.

The role of parents includes:

supporting the school dress code policy;
ensuring that clothes are clean and in good repair;
ensuring clothes are clearly labelled;
understand that clothing will occasionally get dirty
ensuring that, if clothes are lost, action is taken to find them including checking the lost property box.

The role of staff

Staff promote and implement the school dress code.

The role of governors

Governors promote the school dress code and support its implementation.

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