



## School Uniform Guide

Like most schools, we have our own uniform and we believe that wearing a uniform will show that children belong to the school community and our children wear it with pride.

We are fortunate that all children in the school wear our school colours but there are occasions when parents are unclear on what is and what isn't school uniform, so we thought it would be good to clarify this.

### **Why do we have a school uniform?**

Wearing school uniform is not just about the clothes that are worn to school. There are many underlying reasons why it is important that children wear school uniform:

- How often do we hear of children being recognised purely by their school uniform? If out on a trip or on the way to and from school the uniform is *a quick means of identification*.
- Uniform creates a sense of oneness amongst the children as well as *a sense of belonging to the school community*.
- Uniform helps to *create a sense of equality* amongst children from different socio-economic backgrounds.
- Wearing uniform is *a good 'workplace skill'*. It is helpful in preparing for later life, whether for secondary school or the world of work.
- School uniform ensures clothing and footwear is *compliant with health and safety requirements*.
- Uniform instills a sense of pride in presentation that is reflected in the quality of the children's work, attitude and behaviour.

### **General Appearance**

Our **navy blue** sweatshirts and cardigans, embroidered with the school logo, are the key elements to the school uniform. We are also happy for you to choose items that do not have the school logo on, which can be purchased online or in-store shops that supply generic uniform items. Please refer to the colour specifications above, however, to ensure that the uniform items are still compliant with our guidance.

### **What items are not allowed?**

- Extreme hairstyles, colouring and excess 'gelling' are actively discouraged. Ideally, long hair should be tied back or plaited to control the spread of head lice. It is also smarter and far more practical for the school day, including during P.E. activities.



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- Football kit, trainers or other sports wear is only suitable for P.E. and games and is not for general day wear.
- Make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not appropriate, and children will be politely reminded to ensure these are removed before returning to school the next day.
- Brightly coloured hair accessories. Children should wear navy/blue/white hair accessories that are discreet.

### **Purchasing School Uniform.**

Uniform is purchased from our online shop at:

<https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/nenevalley>

Items without logos that are in line with this policy can also be purchased at other retail outlets, providing they are in keeping with school colours (Navy/grey).

### We expect children to wear:

- Navy blue, round necked sweatshirt or cardigan, embroidered with the school logo (alternatives are actively discouraged as they do not form part of the school uniform).
- Collared, short-sleeved, white polo shirts (preferably with the school logo)

White, buttoned shirts or blouses do not form part of the school uniform, but are an acceptable alternative if worn smartly and are tucked in at all times.

### Boys

- Grey trousers or school shorts
- Socks for boys should be single coloured in grey.

### Girls

- Grey skirts, trousers or pinafore dresses.
- Blue and white checked summer dresses in warm weather.
- Socks or tights should be single coloured in white or grey

### Footwear

Plain, black/dark leather or imitation leather shoes or sandals. (NOT TRAINERS)

As part of their school uniform children should wear plain dark shoes. In the last year or two we have noticed a growing trend for some children to wear fabric shoes to school. We request that you do not send your child to school wearing fabric shoes for a number of reasons; they are not waterproof, they are not as hard wearing as leather shoes and as they cannot be polished, they tend to look untidier.



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Although we are happy for children to wear shoes with velcro fastening, we do not allow children to wear trainers to school.

PLAIN grey socks for boys and grey/white socks for girls. Grey/navy tights can also be worn.

### Outdoor clothing

(Optional – all with school logo)

- Knitted ski hats or baseball caps
- Fleece jackets or reversible raincoats

### P.E. and Sporting Activities

#### Indoors:

- All work in the hall is performed barefoot. Long hair must be tied back for apparatus, gymnastics or swimming and all jewelry must be removed. Stud ear-rings must be removed or covered with plasters provided from home.
- Navy blue shorts
- Sky blue t-shirts, embroidered with the school logo.

#### Outdoors

- Long hair must be tied back for apparatus, gymnastics or swimming and all jewelry must be removed. Stud ear-rings must be removed or covered with plasters provided from home.
- Navy blue shorts, joggers or leggings.
- Sky blue t-shirts, embroidered with the school logo.
- Navy hoody, embroidered with the school logo or plain.

Please avoid heavily branded clothing.

- Plimsolls or trainers are necessary,

(Plimsolls may be an unnecessary expense for children at the start of reception year as they often grow out of them before they are needed in the spring and summer terms. Seek advice from the EYFS team.)

### Jewellery



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We do ask that children do not wear jewellery for school, as losses or breakages can be very upsetting and the school cannot take responsibility for these. Health and Safety regulations state that children with pierced ears must remove their earrings for PE and swimming, or the earrings should be taped over.

Most children with pierced ears avoid wearing their earrings to school on PE or swimming days. If worn, earrings should be small, plain studs as hoops can easily be caught when children play.

### **Naming Uniform**

All items of clothing, including coats, MUST be labelled with your child's name. Sweatshirts and jumpers, in particular, are forever ending up in lost property. Without names, it is very hard to return them to their owners. We prefer uniform to be labelled with an iron on or sewn in label as handwritten labels tend to wash off.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can children be provided with a clear, school water bottle. This should contain water only.

**The governors of Nene Valley Primary School request that all children attending the school adhere to the uniform expectations outlined above and reserve the right to insist that what is judged to be inappropriate clothing, or any extreme fashion styling, is not worn or presented in school.**

Signed:

Mr Neil Reilly  
Headteacher

Date: March 2023



## APPENDIX 1

### OUR UNIFORM

### WHAT TO WEAR

Nene Valley is keen to promote a smart image with our uniform and to create a sense of belonging to the school community. It is Governing Body policy for children to wear school uniform and by choosing Nene Valley Primary School for your child you are agreeing to abide by this policy.



#### Winter Wear

- Knitted hat with logo (optional)
- White Polo shirts (preferably with logo)
- Navy blue cardigan **or**
- Navy blue sweatshirt } (Must have logo)
- Grey skirt/pinafore **or**
- Grey trousers
- Black sensible shoes
- Grey socks **or** tights
- School book bag
- Wellington Boots and an appropriate plastic storage box



#### Summer Wear

- Baseball cap with logo (optional)
- White Polo shirts (preferably with logo)
- Grey shorts or skirt
- Navy checked dress
- Navy Blue Cardigan **or**
- Navy Blue sweatshirt } (Must have logo)
- Black sensible shoes **or** sandals **no** flip-flops or mules
- Grey or white socks



### **PE Wear**

#### Indoor PE

- Sky Blue t-shirts (preferably with logo)
- Navy blue shorts

#### Outdoor PE – from Summer Term only

- As for indoor PE
- Navy tracksuit in cold weather
- Plimsolls or trainers (they may get muddy)

### **Preferred optional Items**

(Please note that **school** book bags, PE bags and water bottles are expected instead of alternatives that may not be appropriate or fit in lockers.)



Book Bag



PE bag



Knitted hat



Baseball cap



Water bottle

Uniform is purchased online from Total Clothing <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/nenevalley> or you can visit their store at 9 Botolph Bridge Trading Estate.

You can also purchase book bags, PE bags, outdoor coats and water bottles from Total Clothing.

### **Jewellery**

One pair of stud earrings can be worn (hooped, hanging or creole earrings are not permitted).

Earrings are to be removed for PE lessons.

Watches are the responsibility of the child and for Health and Safety reasons are not allowed to be worn during sporting activities, P.E., swimming or food technology lessons.

Items without logos can also be purchased at other retail outlets, providing they are in keeping with the school colours (Navy/grey). Alternatives to the school logo sweatshirts and cardigans should not be worn.

### **PLEASE ENSURE EVERY ITEM OF YOUR CHILDS CLOTHING THAT IS SENT INTO SCHOOL IS NAMED**

(we do not operate 'lost property' and all unnamed items found will be donated to charity after a week unclaimed).