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Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents & Carers,

There are a number of reasons why primary schools insist on school uniform:

- It instils a feeling of **togetherness** and **community**, being part of the Nursling Team!
- It should reduce any feelings of **peer pressure** i.e. no need for latest fashions or demand on parents to buy expensive items that your child will quickly grow out of.
- It ensures that children are dressed **safely** and **ready to learn**.
- It **prepares** your children for secondary school expectations ensuring they abide by more strict uniform rules.

It is for these reasons that Nursling insists on suitable uniform for all children. Unlike many schools, we don't have unnecessary items like ties and most of our uniform can be purchased in shops such as the large supermarkets rather than specialist uniform shops to enable you to keep the cost down.

When it comes to safety of themselves and others, uniform does really matter – therefore, below are some polite reminders:

Jewellery and Watches

Children cannot wear hoop earrings or necklaces – they are unsafe, especially during breaktimes and PE lessons. Children can wear one set of small studs, which will always need to be removed or taped up for PE. Smart watches must not be worn and will be kept safe until the end of the school day if brought into school.

Long hair

If your child has long hair, please make sure it is worn up – it can be unsafe in sport, events such as Christingle and in play. Cases of nits can also be an issue in primary school, and it is much easier for nits to spread to hair that isn't worn up.

Make-Up and Nails

No make-up of any type is permitted. Any form of nail attire is not permitted. This includes varnish, acrylic and gel nails. It is not age appropriate in a primary school and therefore not in line with our duty of safeguarding.

Footwear

Children can only wear white or colourful trainers on their PE days with their PE kit. They can wear trainer-type shoes on other days of the week, but they must be entirely black such as Adidas Tensauras. These can be purchased at a reasonable cost in either Sports Direct (new) or eBay (slightly worn). Plain black school shoes can also be worn if preferred. Boots are not permitted in school; these can be worn to school if weather proves necessary but must be changed into shoes upon entering the building. Any type of high-heeled, slip-on, loose or open-toed shoes (crocs, sliders, flipflops etc) are not permitted because they are unsafe and impractical in school, especially during playtimes.

PE Kit

On PE days, children should wear their house colour t-shirt, (either plain or with the school's logo) black or navy shorts, leggings, skorts, trainers, plain black, dark grey or navy tracksuit for cold weather. Shorts must be of a decent length, no micro shorts. Football kits and branded hoodies and tracksuits are not to be worn for P.E.

Chestnut Class will be informed by their class teacher when they can start coming in changed for PE. This is not done initially as part of their Year R learning goals.

School uniform for boys and girls consists of:

- Blue jumper or cardigan either plain or bearing the school's logo
- Dark Grey/black shorts/trousers. Tracksuit, leggings and sports shorts are not to be worn on non-P.E. days.
- Black/dark grey skirt of a decent length. Skorts are not to be worn on non-P.E. days.
- Plain white or pale blue polo shirt or white shirt
- Blue checked summer dress
- Plain black school shoes or trainer style shoes are acceptable.
- Optional outdoor fleece

If children persistently wear unsafe or inappropriate items to school, we will:

- 1) Ask the child to remove the item and temporarily loan a replacement where necessary i.e. shoes. Items of jewellery will be kept in the school office for collection at the end of the day.
- 2) Let parents know by phone or Parent-Mail asking you to remedy the situation.
- 3) As a last resort, where safety is the issue or the problem is ongoing, we may ask you to collect your child from school to remedy the situation i.e. remove acrylic nails or change their shoes.

Please remember that school may be able to support families in financial difficulty. Please pop into the school office or give the office a call to discuss.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Jearrad
Headteacher

*The Lord says "I will guide you along the best pathway of your life.
I will advise you and watch over you."
Psalm 32:8 NLT*