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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start a new school year, I am writing to remind you all of our school uniform expectations. The wearing of school uniform is **practical**, **prevents** unnecessary **competition** and is **cheaper** in the long term. It also helps to give our children their sense of **identity** and **belonging**.

We welcome donations of **old uniform** which no longer fit your little ones. **Spare uniform** can also be sourced from school or the **Hope Centre** at Manor Walks. New **branded uniform** can be purchased from our supplier, **Cloud 9**, which is located in the **South Nelson Industrial Estate**. We consider the local community and ensure our uniform can be purchased from retailers within Cramlington e.g. Asda or Sainsbury's. We keep a small supply of spare uniform for the rare occasions that children may need to borrow something if they arrive at school without the correct uniform.

Footwear

We ask that children wear **plain black* shoes, boots or trainers**. All footwear should be plain with minimal logos or markings. Footwear should also be **flat** without a **wedge** or **heel**. Brightly coloured, expensive trainers are not appropriate for school. We want to ensure that our children are **smartly presented**, have a **sense of belonging** and are not under **pressure to conform** to fashion trends. Please note that sandals without a back (including Crocs) are not suitable for school and children won't be able to go out to play as these shoes are not safe for running around the yard. This includes non-uniform days.

*The exception to this is on PE days where trainers are required but do not have to be black.

Everyday Uniform

Trousers, shorts, skirts and tights should be **dark grey** or **black** with **minimal logos** and **markings**. **Gingham** dresses should be **royal blue** and **white**. **Pinafore** dresses should be **dark grey** or **black**. Polo shirts or shirts should be **plain white** with a collar.

Our school uniform is a combination of the colours **royal blue**, **white** and **grey** -

- Royal blue jumper, cardigan or fleece
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress (with plain cycle shorts if preferred)
- Blue and white checked gingham dress
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Plain black shoes, boots or trainers

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Nursery

Uniform for our children in **Nursery** is the same as it is for the rest of school except for a **small difference**. We ask that children wear **black** or **dark grey jogging bottoms** or **leggings** rather than more formal trousers. We find that this makes it easier for children to use the toilet at an age where they are still practising. We find in general that **jogging bottoms/leggings** are more practical for all children because they spend so much time outside being **physical**. Children in Reception are also welcome to wear **black** or **dark grey jogging bottoms** or **leggings**.

PE Kit

We ask that children **come to school** on their **PE days** wearing their kit. This maximises learning time as children are not required to change into and out of their PE kit. PE days for 2025/26 will be shared with you in September. Our PE kit consists of:

- **Royal blue school sweatshirt** or **school hoodie** (branded sweatshirts and/or hoodies can be purchased from **Cloud 9 Leisure** in the South Nelson Industrial Estate)
- **Unbranded** black/navy blue shorts* or tracksuit bottoms
- White **t-shirt** or **polo shirt**
- Sports **trainers** (not wellies, boots or smart shoes)

*Shorts must extend down towards the knee rather than the very short mini cycling/gym shorts

Reminders

Footwear should be flat for safety reasons. We encourage children to **dress for the weather** and wear **lighter clothes** in the warmer weather.

Hairstyles should be **smart**, and not extreme in nature, as these styles can become a distraction. Longer hair e.g. shoulder length must be tied up in the interests of personal hygiene. Hair dye is not permitted. We will provide children with **hair bobbles** if required to tie it up.

Pupils are **not allowed to wear jewellery** in school with the exception of an **inexpensive watch**, which must be **removed** for **PE**. Smart watches are **not permitted**. If you choose for your child to have their ears pierced, we ask that this takes place during the **six week summer break** with the expectation that earrings are removed during the day on return to school.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Routledge