New Seaham Academy

School Uniform Policy 2026

Introduction

At New Seaham Academy we expect our children to wear school uniform.
A uniform reinforces in children a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this policy.

Aims and Objectives

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- ✞ Promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school
- ✞ Promotes equality amongst all children
- ✞ Eliminates peer pressure to wear less appropriate clothing
- ✞ Is practical and smart
- ✞ Reduces competition amongst children to wear fashionable items for daily wear
- ✞ School uniform is functional, durable and economical
- ✞ Helps identification and safety of children in public places

School Uniform

The Board of Trustees supports the wearing of a specific school uniform and we ask for parental support on this matter. Our children are often publicly admired for their standard of dress. Parents are encouraged to purchase school uniform through the school in order to maintain uniformity of dress:

- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Grey/navy trousers(not leggings) or shorts (not sports shorts)
- Grey/navy plain skirt or tunic Pale blue checked summer dress
- Black plain shoes- not trainers
- Hair bobbles in school colours only
- Plain Book bag (order from school)

P.E. KIT

School House colour T-shirt Shorts/ tracksuit bottoms/leggings Trainers for outdoor P.E.
P.E. bag
Please ensure all uniform is named.

Physical Education

All pupils have a school P.E. kit consisting of their House colour t-shirt. Pupils change into their PE Uniform in school on the given days that they are taught PE or are attending sporting activities/events. All jewellery will be removed for P.E. lessons and in the event of recently pierced ears then the stud should be covered with a sticking plaster in order to protect the pupil and teacher from personal injury. Long hair should be fastened back.

Jewellery

No item of jewellery other than wrist watches should be worn for school.
This is in the interests of your child's safety.
Parents should note that if they intend to have a child's ears pierced this needs to be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow time for ears to heal.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or heavily styled hair using excessive product which may vary depending on current fashionable styles.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of Trustees

The Board of Trustees 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, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;

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

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Signed: S. Bilton
Date: September 2026
To be reviewed: September 2027