



School Uniform Policy

Nene Valley is keen to promote a smart image and actively discourage fashion styling or alternative style shirts, jumpers, cardigans, footwear and hair accessories. This includes brightly coloured hairbands, socks or tights. Any children representing the school through attendance at events, escorting visitors or appearing in school photographs must be wearing appropriate uniform.

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 **blue** sweatshirts and cardigans, embroidered with the school logo, are the key elements to the school uniform.

- 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.
- 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.



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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

- Sturdy school shoes in black (White sandals are permitted in summer. Knee length or ankle boots and trainers are inappropriate and should not be worn.
- In snowy weather children may wear boots to school as long as they change into school shoes upon arrival.)

Outdoor clothing (Optional – all with school logo)

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



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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

- Plimsolls or trainers are necessary, preferably with a change of socks. Track suits may be worn in cold weather.

(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.)

Jewelry

- Children with pierced ears should wear one stud only per ear (hooped ear-rings are not permitted). No other type of jewelry should be worn to school unless it is a requirement of their religious/cultural background and permission has been sought (if uncertain please seek the advice of staff).
- ***For Health and Safety reasons the Local Authority advises that no jewelry (including watches) should be worn during sporting activities, P.E., swimming or food technology lessons.***
- We understand that children having their ears pierced for the first time have to keep the studs in for a short time. Therefore, we suggest that this should take place at the start of the school holidays to avoid having to exclude children from elements of the curriculum and certain activities.
- Watches are the responsibility of the child (including when they have been removed for the activities referred to above). We suggest that children do not wear watches until they are old enough to tell the time and can look after them. Please ensure any 'alarms' or 'bleepers' are not set to go off during school time.

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.

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Signed:	Signed
	
Mr. Ian Ramshaw Chair of Governors	Mr. Stuart Mansell Headteacher
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Appendices:

1. Our Uniform: What to wear.

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).