



'Creating New Futures'

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Throughout the last term our school council have been writing and sending surveys to you regarding proposed changes to our school uniform. These changes were prompted in the first instance by the rising costs of living we are all facing and the Government's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms which was published in November 2021.

I have now reviewed the findings of these surveys, met and discussed them with our school council, and have come to the following decisions about our Newlands uniform going forwards.

Uniform

Jumpers/Cardigans - These will be moving over to the white logo however this change will not be immediate and there is no requirement to replace current uniform, stop using second-hand uniform or buy new for September if what you have still fits!

Our suppliers will simply move over to the white logo when they have sold through their stock of the yellow logo jumpers and cardigans. We believe a two-year crossover period should be sufficient and we would expect the white logo jumpers to be standard uniform by September 2024.

Polo shirts- The majority of adults surveyed would prefer polo t-shirts instead of the current button through shirts, something we agree would reduce the cost of uniform and the need for ironing!

We will be moving over to plain white polo t-shirts from September 2022. Again, there is no need to replace shirts if you have them already and we are happy for children to wear shirts for another 2 academic years. White polo t-shirts will be the standard uniform by September 2024.

Skirts- We recognise that the current chequered skirts are another expensive part of our present uniform. The majority of parents and pupils surveyed would prefer plain black or grey skirts instead of the current chequered maroon skirt.

Again, there is no need to replace skirts if you have them already and we are happy for children to wear and pass on their skirts for another two academic years. Black or grey school skirts will become the standard uniform by September 2024.

Trousers/ Shorts- Trousers and shorts currently have to be dark grey. We are going to be allowing dark grey and black trousers from September 2022. We hope this will make buying uniform easier and sharing of second-hand uniforms more widespread. Trousers and shorts will also be officially listed as a uniform option for girls from September 2022 in a bid to be more inclusive.

Summer dresses- 70% of parents/carers wanted to keep our red checked summer dresses so these will still be an option.

Socks and shoes- Black, grey or white socks/tights and sensible black school shoes will continue to be expected in school.



PE kit

Jogging bottoms/shorts- These will continue to be plain black and are only to be worn on P.E. days

PE T-shirt- Newlands school t-shirt in your child's house colour will continue to be expected on PE days.

Trainers- We have no special requirements on footwear for PE as long as it is sensible and suitable for physical activity.

P.E. sweatshirt- This will be an optional extra- there is no expectation for parents to buy this.

We will be introducing a maroon school hoodie with a white Newlands logo. This is only to be worn on P.E. days in place of a normal school jumper or cardigan. Of course, a normal school jumper or cardigan over your PE kit is still acceptable on PE days, but no other hoodies or jumpers may be worn.

Please see the pictures below to show you how our new school uniform will look. Again, please remember there is no expectation to throw away uniform you already have, we are gradually phasing the new uniform in and old uniform will be acceptable until September 2024.



Newlands school uniform is available to buy from the Schoolwear Centre in Margate and Brigade Clothing online.

<http://www.schoolwearcentre.net/>

www.brigade.uk.com/parents/

Our Nearly New second hand uniform shop is still operational and welcomes donations of grey/black bottoms to get us started with the change over. The time given to transition to the new uniform is designed to reduce costs to families and prevent undue waste. By keeping the changes minimal, we hope to retain our Newlands identity and provide a practical and suitable uniform that is inclusive for all of our pupils.

Thank you

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Headteacher