NORTON JUXTA KEMPSEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Together with love and joy of God, we will discover, develop and maximise our unique potential."

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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AMENDMENT HISTORY

Date	Issue	Status	Reason for Amendment	Person Responsible
20/07/2026			New policy	Review Committee

The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. – 1 John 3:1 – ICB

The value of love is at the heart of both the Christian faith and our vision here at NJK. God's love for all people inspires us to give love in abundance. We value and care for ourselves, others and the world around us as God's creation, demonstrating our values of friendship, compassion, forgiveness and respect.
We believe this is of the highest importance to enable pupils to explore their differences with tolerance and mutual respect.
Our school vision is integral to everything we do at NJK.
We want to discover and maximise each child's unique potential.
We aim to deliver a joyful and inspiring curriculum and school experience where every child feels loved, valued and cherished.

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for all parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include: age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.
To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair, although we reserve the right to ask that long hair be tied back
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school, and makes them feel most comfortable

- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons, or if they are experiencing discomfort
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform, depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Headteacher or SENCo, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniforms.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo attached or be in a unique fabric or style) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers, and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to shop around for the best price.

We will therefore make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents and carers

We will do this by:

- Following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of:
  - 3 or fewer
- Carefully consider whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary and limiting these items where possible.
- Limiting compulsory branded items to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to compulsory branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items such as coats, bags and shoes/trainers that pupils could also wear on non-school days. See more information in section 4.1
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities including (but not limited to) sport, music and drama
- Avoid requiring different branded items for particular times of the year, such as a branded dress in summer and a branded skirt in winter
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters
- Considering alternative approaches, including loaning compulsory branded items such as sports kit for competitions
- Making sure that opportunities to acquire second-hand items in a timely manner are accessible to parents and carers of both current and prospective pupils, and publishing this information on our website

- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications, and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy, and carefully considering any complaints about uniform in line with the school's complaints policy
- Avoiding single-supplier contracts, to make sure generic items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- Continuing to review this policy, to ensure the cost of our uniform is reasonable and provides the best value for money

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school uniform

School Uniform 2026 2027

Essential:
Blue, yellow and grey plaid skirt/pinafore (Monkhouse)
Light blue and white checked summer dress (not shorts/playsuit)
Grey trousers
Grey shorts in summer
Plain white polo shirt **-Years R – 4**
Plain white blouse / shirt **-Years 5 & 6**
Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (Monkhouse)**-Years R – 4**
Blue knitted jumper or cardigan with school logo (Monkhouse) -**Years 5 & 6**
Blue school tie (Monkhouse) -**Years 5 & 6**
White, grey or navy socks
Shoes - black (Summer sandals navy/black)

OPAL/Outdoor Play
Waterproof trousers and top
Wellies

Optional:
Grey skirt/pinafore
Navy cap with school logo (Monkhouse)
Reversible winter coat with school logo (Monkhouse)
Art Apron
PE Bag (from School) with school logo
Book Bag (from School) with school logo **(Years R-2)**

Physical Education (to be worn to school on PE days)

P E shorts/skort	navy, closely fitted for safety on apparatus
Tracksuit Bottoms	navy
PE Hoody	royal blue hoody with school logo (optional) or sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo.
Shirt	displaying school logo (Monkhouse)
PE Pumps	trainers for outdoor PE
Socks	white
Extra-curricular football	favourite team kit/school PE kit may be worn, shin pads and football boots.

Other:

Hair	all hair tied back with blue/white school coloured hair bands with clips only. No extreme hair fashion such as shaved lines.
Earrings	studs only and must be removed for all PE activities.
	All items should be **CLEARLY** named.

4.2 Where to purchase or acquire it

- Monkhouse School Ware
- Cress – pre-loved school uniform.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Class Teacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact Headteacher or SENDCo if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with through the School's Behaviour Policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation and the pupil will not miss classroom teaching because of a sanction. This is in line with the statutory guidance.

5.4 Academy Standards Committee (ASC)

The ASC will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers, and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The committee will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single-supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Academy Standards Committee.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy
- SEND policy