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Update for parents/carers of pupils currently in Years 5, 6 and 7

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

We have high standards regarding school uniform, it helps to promote equality amongst our pupils and set a positive climate for learning. Now is a good time to clarify our expectations so that everyone starts back next year dressed appropriately. There is an increasing number of pupils with incorrect footwear as we approach the summer holidays. We totally understand that buying new school shoes just before the end of term is not always a great idea, but we want to be very clear what we expect in September.

Having spoken with partner schools and listened to pupils and parents, we will be making some small tweaks to our footwear policy. **From September, we will allow plain black leather (or leather look) sports shoes as part of daily uniform. Plain black, hard wearing, sturdy sensible footwear such as Nike Airforce 1 and Converse All Star (Leather) will be permitted.** The following footwear will still not be permitted - Running trainers, chunky boots (such as Dr Marten's or Uggs), canvas trainers, coloured (or white) stitching, designs and logos, 'air bubble' soles and high fashion footwear. Of course, more traditional shoes will continue to be allowed.

Below is a reminder of the rest of our uniform policy:

School Sweatshirt - royal blue with school badge (Supplied by Salto)

School polo shirt - gold with school badge (Supplied by Salto)

Trousers - black only (Jeans, leggings, tracksuit bottoms etc not permitted)

Skirt - black **pleated** school skirt - just above knee length

Shorts - black tailored school shorts - only permitted in the first half term (Sept/Oct) and the summer term.

Socks - plain black only (calf or knee length - no pattern or logo)

Tights - plain black only

Hair - Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons (PE, Science, Tech and others where necessary)

Pupils require the following kit for their PE and Games lessons:

Highfield PE polo with school logo - Blue and Yellow (Supplied by Salto)

PE shorts - Royal blue, black or navy (Salto recommended, or other high street retailers)

Long football socks - royal blue/yellow or royal blue (Salto recommended, or other high street retailers)

Hoodie - Plain royal blue, black or navy (Salto recommended, or other high street retailers)

Tracksuit bottoms/leggings - plain black or navy

Sports socks - white

Other items - Suitable PE trainers are essential. Football boots shin pads are recommended. Gum shields can be purchased from school for a discounted price. Only PE kit bags should be taken into the changing rooms.

FAQs

How do I order new uniform? Uniform is available to order online or in store via [Salto](#). Many required items (without the school logo) can be bought from supermarkets and high street stores.

Can I get any 'Pre-Loved' uniform? Yes - The Miner's Lamp Community Cafe and Hub in West Wylam offer a range of pre-used good quality uniform items for a small donation, this service can be accessed by anyone. We also encourage Year 8 leavers to pass on their uniform, directly to friends, via the school or the Miner's Lamp.

Should uniform be labelled? It is essential that ALL uniform is labelled clearly, including PE kits and shoes.

How does my child find lost property? Any named lost property will be returned to your child. Any un-named lost property will be put in the PE changing room lost property or year group lost property bins.

Are jewellery or make-up allowed? Make-up and jewellery are not permitted in school at all, including earrings. Clear plastic ear-retainers may be worn.

The last date for [SALTO](#) orders to guarantee availability for the start of term is Saturday 15th July 2023.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any difficulties providing your child with suitable school uniform, or anything else they need for school. We are always happy to help where we can.