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Dear Parent / Carer

School Uniform

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by and we are already starting to think about plans for September. In advance of the children returning in September, below is an overview of the uniform policy. We appreciate that finances may be tight this year so we have made some small changes, which we hope will help. Please read the information before purchasing your child's uniform to avoid unnecessary expenditure on items which don't comply with policy.

The Ashington Learning Partnership uniform for Bothal and Central Primaries consists of:

School Uniform

- White polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logos)
- Charcoal grey tailored school trousers or knee-length school skirt
- Black or grey socks or grey tights
- Black shoes

In Summer

- A blue/white checked school dress with white socks or charcoal grey shorts with grey socks may be worn.

P.E. Uniform

- Royal blue polo shirt branded or a plain white polo top (no sport or branded logos)
- Royal blue football shorts
- Royal blue football socks
- Trainers (with non-marking soles)
- Plain navy or black tracksuit/leggings (no patterns or logos)

Uniform - What is acceptable?

Shoes

- Must be plain black, smart, and sensible. Please avoid shoes with distinctive fashion features such as large buckles, logos, flashing lights, tags or any metallic adornment. Trainers, sandals, high heels, or moccasin style shoes are not permitted.
- Pupils may wear plain black ankle boots in winter, but these must be in a Chelsea style with no large buckles, fur, pompoms etc.
- If in doubt, please buy plain black shoes that don't look like trainers.

Skirts and Trousers

- Skirts must be at least knee length and a school skirt style.
- Trousers must not be skinny (avoid super skinny as sold by ASDA) three quarter length or knee length. Jeans and leggings are not permitted.

P.E.

- We have added a plain white polo top as an option rather than a school logo polo top to help to reduce costs. If you go with this option, please no designer logo tops - a supermarket, plain polo top is the alternative to the school logo top.
- Children should wear their PE kit on their PE day, but must adhere to the PE uniform policy. PE days will be confirmed in September.

Coats

- Please don't buy an expensive coat for school. A simple, plain coat which your child can run around in, play, get muddy and altogether enjoy lunchtimes is great! Please avoid hoodies as they are not water/shower proof and cannot be easily cleaned after taking part in OPAL activities.

Bags

- Expensive or large bags of any style are strongly discouraged. We struggle for cloakroom space to store lots of large bags during the day. Please also avoid attaching large key rings or toys to your child's school bag.

Pencil Cases and Equipment

- School will provide all pencil cases and equipment therefore pupils do not need to bring in items from home. We know that some parents enjoy the tradition of purchasing a pencil case for the new school year with their child, but the cost of some brands are so expensive. If you do purchase a pencil case, it would be lovely to have this as a special pencil case of equipment for doing homework with.

Jewellery

- If you would like your child to have their ears pierced, please do this at the start of the holidays so that they can be removed for returning to school.
- Ear piercings are not permitted neither are clear studs used as retainers. These are a health and safety risk when engaging in sporting activities and active OPAL play lunch activities. Children with earrings in will not be able to play out at break and lunchtimes – please don't let your child miss the fun of OPAL activities.
- Pupils can wear a simple watch, to tell the time, but are not allowed smart watches and should not bring expensive watches into school.

Hair

- Hair must be natural in colour and not dyed or streaked in line with the law which does not permit salons to dye the hair of anyone under the age of 16.
- Long hair must be tied up with a plain navy, grey or black hair band. Please avoid large, coloured bows/hair bands.
- Short hair to be of a uniform length (not stepped or significantly shorter at the back and sides than on the top). It must not be shorter than a 'number two.' Pupils must not shave any decorative patterns, such as "tram lines" into their hair or eyebrows.

Make-up

- Make-up which alters the colour or tone of the skin, is not permitted.
- Nail polish or nail extensions must not be worn.

Mobile Phones and electronic Devices

- Pupils in Year 5 and 6 only who may be walking to/from school on their own, may bring a mobile phone into school but it must be handed in at the start of school and collected at the end of the day. Smart watches, IPADS and any other electronic devices are not permitted.

Ordering School Uniform

All new starters to Ashington Learning Partnership will receive one free navy sweatshirt with a logo when they first start at an ALP school.

Our uniform provider is Emblematic. Follow <https://emblematic.co.uk/> to access the online uniform shop. Uniform can also be ordered through school by completing a uniform order form. Alternatively, parents can visit the school shop to purchase uniform direct which is located at:

30 Glebe Road
Bedlington
NE22 6JT
Tel: 01670 820262

The Ashington Learning Partnership - Preloved Uniform Bothal and Central

- We operate a preloved uniform service for school logo jumpers.

How does it work?

- Please donate any preloved, good condition jumpers to the school office.
- We will wash all jumpers.
- Please email cps@alptrust.co.uk or bps@alptrust.co.uk with your child's name, class and size. We will check to see if we have the correct size(s) available and if so, we will contact you to arrange collection from the school office.

Yours sincerely

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