



# Newquay Junior Academy Pupil Uniform Policy

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## Expectations and Affordability

At Newquay Junior Academy, we believe that school uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging, pride and identity within our academy community. We also recognise the importance of ensuring that uniform remains affordable and accessible for all families.

In line with updated Department for Education guidance on the cost of school uniforms, issued under the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, academies are expected to keep branded uniform items to a minimum. The government has confirmed that, from September 2026, primary schools should have no more than three required branded uniform items, including PE kit.

As part of this commitment, Newquay Junior Academy has reviewed its uniform policy to ensure it remains practical, affordable and accessible for all families whilst maintaining a strong sense of academy identity.

The academy branded items at Newquay Junior Academy are:

- NJA jumper or cardigan
- NJA tie
- NJA PE hoodie

All other uniform items, including PE clothing, may be purchased as plain alternatives from any retailer. An **optional** academy branded PE T-shirt is also available for families who wish to purchase one, although a plain black T-shirt is equally acceptable for PE lessons and clubs.

### **Pupils are expected to wear:**

- Black academy badged v neck jumper/cardigan.
- White cotton, long or short sleeved, buttoned shirt or blouse.
- Black tailored trousers (which reach the shoe line) or shorts (formal / tailored style with no cargo side pockets and meet the knee).
- Black skirt (knee length).
- Black tights (no leggings).
- Black socks.
- Academy tie (black and gold).
- Plain black shoes (Trainers, trainer type shoes, canvas shoes are allowed but no coloured logos stripes or soles). No boots, coloured laces or trim, or high heels.

Optional: Knee-length yellow and white gingham dress (summer term only).

### **For PE, children should wear:**

- Plain black T-shirt
- Black shorts (football/rugby style)
- Black cycling shorts (mid-thigh length)
- Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (autumn term)
- Trainers (no high tops)
- Academy PE hoodie

Branded academy uniform items can be purchased from:

**Macron, Unit 8a, A30 Business Park, Indian Queens, St Columb, TR9 6FZ.**

As previously stated, and reflecting government guidance on keeping uniform costs reasonable for families, parents and carers are not required to purchase all items from a branded supplier. Plain black uniform items, including plain black T-shirts for PE where applicable, may be purchased from a range of high-street or supermarket retailers, provided they meet the academy's uniform expectations. Branded PE tops **may** be available as an **optional** item, but plain black alternatives are acceptable.

**Please do not forget to clearly mark all children's clothing with their name.**

## **Appearance of our pupils:**

**Haircuts**-The academy does not permit pupils to have haircuts or styles with unnatural colours or extreme styles that detract from the smartness of their appearance. This also applies to hair extensions.

**Make-up**-No make-up or nail varnish is allowed to be worn by pupils in the academy, and those wearing it will be expected to remove it. Fake tattoos are not permitted.

**Acrylic nails**-These are highly flammable and a health and safety risk for practical activities, they are not allowed and must be removed.

**Piercings**-If ears are pierced, then **one small stud** in each ear is permitted. Children who have their ears pierced should wear a pair of small studs that can be removed by the child (or parent/carer at home) on PE days.

Visible facial piercings, including nose piercings, are not allowed. It is not acceptable to conceal piercings with plasters or replace them with clear alternatives.

Pupils may wear a watch to school; we encourage the use of analogue watches to practice the skill of telling the time, but if digital watches are worn, they should have no additional features or functionality (e.g. messaging, calling, photography, gaming) smart watches are not allowed in schools across Newquay.

*Pupils who are not adhering to the uniform policy will be requested to borrow items for the day from the academy office, in the case of clothing. If incorrect footwear is worn, the pupil will be requested to return home to change into footwear that conforms with the NJA uniform policy.*

*If pupils attend school with hairstyles outside of the uniform policy, they will receive a consequence in line with the behaviour policy.*

Pre-loved uniform can be purchased from our PTA at our school fayres, and parents can contact the office at any time if they would like to purchase any pre-loved uniform at any other time.