



SCHOOL UNIFORM:



Without doubt, as a school community you have worked incredibly hard to raise the standards of presentation at the school and we very grateful for all of your efforts. A key mantra at NSN is **Look Smart, Think Smart, Be Smart**. School uniform is so important – it provides consistency and a sense of belonging for all children in all year groups and significantly reduces bullying as well as boosting self esteem and the sense of personal empowerment that comes through being part of a team with a strong achievement identity . With your help we would like our high standards in this respect of appearance to continue. How we present to others has a big impact on how we feel about ourselves. Children come to school to be safe and to learn.

Being in the correct uniform helps all children engage with the schools values around achievement, confidence, resilience and engagement with learning.



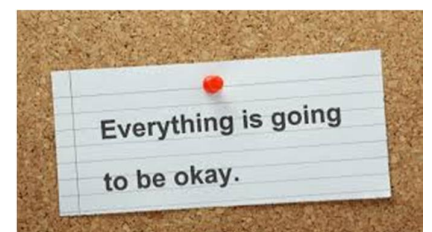
Now is the perfect time to locate your child's school uniform—no doubt your children have grown over these last two months, so it may be worth checking that it still fits! It may need a freshen up in the washing machine or just a fresh airing . Some children really benefit from seeing this hung in their bedroom as a polite reminder that school is a few days away.

In September we understood the barriers around purchasing school uniforms during lockdown, we understand that this may be the case once more. **We would like your help in ensuring that your child(ren) are in full school uniform as soon as they can be.** However, given the challenges of shopping for children's clothing while many key shops remain closed we understand this may take longer for some families than others. We understand that it can take time to purchase and organise uniforms in the current pandemic situation. Over the course of the next few months we would expect most families to be able to get the correct uniform sorted and in the meantime we would ask that where you may not have correct uniform you make sympathetic substitutions that match as closely as possible the general look of the set uniform and you reassure your child that once it is possible to source the correct items you will do this for them.



If you are having challenges in this regard, please let one of the staff on duty before or after school know so we can offer any guidance or support. Naturally, if you have any uniform worries before then, please email the school office where one of the Pastoral Team will make contact with you.

Polite reminder – please can we encourage you to read our uniform policy





which includes clear guidance on jewellery, make-up and hair styles – we are sure the guidelines will answer any questions you may have (<https://nsnacademy.com/uniform>).