



NESTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

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1. Purpose

This policy outlines the expectations for student uniform at Neston High School. It ensures consistency, affordability, and alignment with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on cost and equality.

2. Principles

- 2.1 Promote pride in appearance and school identity
- 2.2 Ensure uniform is affordable and accessible to all families
- 2.3 Support inclusion and equality
- 2.4 Maintain high standards of presentation and conduct

3. Uniform Expectations

- 3.1 Uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including journeys to and from school.
- 3.2 Students must bring a full PE kit to school. No own clothes are allowed.

4. Core Uniform (Years 7–11)

4.1 Green Neston High School blazer* (*Years 8-11 may wear their old-style black blazer until it needs replacing)

- 4.1.1 Available in both boys' and girls' tailored fits.
- 4.1.2 To be worn at all times around school, unless permission is given to remove it.
- 4.1.3 Must display the school badge on the chest.

4.2 Green V-neck school jumper (optional)

- 4.2.1 Green V-neck jumper *with the school badge*, worn under the school blazer if required.
- 4.2.2 **Not permitted:** hoodies, sweatshirts, or other jumpers.

4.3 Plain white shirt / blouse

- 4.3.1 Long or short-sleeved.
- 4.3.2 Button-to-collar style, suitable for wearing with a tie.
- 4.3.3 Must be tucked-in and the top button fastened.
- 4.3.4 **Not permitted:** fitted, patterned, or open-neck shirts.

4.4 House tie

- 4.4.1 Worn neatly, with the knot in line with the collar.

4.5 Plain black full-length trousers (all pupils)

- 4.5.1 Plain black, full-length, tailored trousers, with a defined crease.
- 4.5.2 Must sit on the waist and cover the ankle.
- 4.5.3 **Not permitted:**
Leggings, jeggings, skinny, tapered, flared or cropped trousers. Jeans, cargo, barrel-leg, or fashion-style trousers. Lycra, stretch, or clingy fabrics. Decorative zips, studs, or logos. Any trousers made from denim-like or jersey material.
- 4.5.4 Note: The uniform shops have a girl's trouser that is inexpensive.

4.6 Plain black socks

- 4.6.1 Plain – no bows, lace, or patterns.

4.7 Plain black polishable shoes

- 4.7.1 Low-heeled and formal in style.
- 4.7.2 No bows on the shoes

4.8 Sensible plain outdoor coat

- 4.8.1 Coats must be removed inside the school building and stored in a locker or bag.
- 4.8.2 No branding on coat, such as Mountain Warehouse or Nike.
- 4.8.3 No denim, leather, or hooded tops.

4.9 School Bag

- 4.9.1 A school bag is required to carry books and equipment every day.
- 4.9.2 If brought to school, phones must be stored in a school-issued locker pouch (£10 via SCOPAY)

5. PE Kit Uniform

All PE kit items can be initialled in the student's house colour by the retailer (optional).

5.1 Compulsory PE items

- 5.1.1 Neston branded black/green polo t-shirt with school logo (unisex or girls' fit)
- 5.1.2 Plain black shorts or skort, OR plain black tracksuit trousers, OR plain black leggings (no stripes, logos, or coloured panels).
- 5.1.3 Plain black unisex hoodie (no stripes, logos, or coloured panels).

5.2 Optional PE items

- 5.2.1 Neston branded black unisex hoodie.
- 5.2.2 Neston branded black/green ¼ zip top. (No unbranded zip tops allowed).
- 5.2.3 Neston branded black/green skort.
- 5.2.4 Plain black long sports socks.

6. Jewellery, Hair, Make-up and Prohibited Accessories

- 6.1 No jewellery whatsoever is permitted in school. Jewellery is a banned item under our Behaviour and Discipline Policy.
- 6.2 No jewellery in piercings is permitted, of any kind. This includes retainers for piercings.
- 6.3 Hair must be a natural colour, tidy and not extreme in style.
- 6.4 No make-up, false tan, false eyelashes or false nails.
- 6.5 No bows are allowed in hair.
- 6.6 Balaclavas, ski masks or similar and any face covering deemed to conceal a student's identity that could be for the purpose of intimidation, crime or anti-social behaviour.
- 6.7 Students must not wear or bring accessories that are inconsistent with the aims of this policy or which may present a health and safety risk, disrupt learning, cause distraction, or undermine the school's standards of presentation. This includes, but is not limited to, decorative chains, non-uniform badges, fashion accessories, and items deemed excessive or inappropriate by the school.

7. Phone/Device pouch

- 7.1 Mobile phones and other personal communication devices, including smart watches and similar devices with communication or internet access, are banned in school. Please see our Behaviour and Discipline Policy for further information about these and other banned items.
- 7.2 A mobile phone or other personal communication device may only be brought onto the school site if it is secured in an approved lockable pouch. The school does not provide storage facilities for mobile phones or other personal communication devices.
- 7.3 If your child forgets their approved pouch, any device brought into school may be confiscated. Parents or carers will then be required to collect the device from school in person.
- 7.4 Phone locker pouches are available to purchase from the School via SCOPAY.

8. Suppliers

- 8.1 Branded items are available from:
 - 8.1.1 The Schoolwear Outlet (Neston)
 - 8.1.2 Cain of Heswall (Heswall)
 - 8.1.3 Wirral Uniform Centre (Birkenhead Market)
- 8.2 Non-branded items may be purchased from any retailer.

9. Compliance and Enforcement

- 9.1 The Headteacher reserves the right to determine whether any clothing, footwear, hairstyle, accessory or personal presentation is consistent with the spirit and expectations of this policy.
- 9.2 Students not in correct uniform may result in:
 - 9.2.1 Reminder and opportunity to correct
 - 9.2.2 Confiscation of prohibited items
 - 9.2.3 Loan of replacement uniform where available
 - 9.2.4 Detentions
 - 9.2.5 Internal Exclusion for repeated refusal
 - 9.2.6 Suspension where behaviour is defiant, persistent or linked to banned items
 - 9.2.7 Repeated breaches may result in escalating sanctions.
- 9.3 Jewellery, retainers, smart devices, mobile phones, prohibited accessories and any item worn in breach of this policy may be confiscated by school staff. Confiscated items will be retained and returned directly to Parents or Carers, in accordance with the school's Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

10. Affordability and Equality

- 10.1 This policy complies with DfE guidance on affordability:
 - 10.1.1 Branded items are limited to essential pieces
 - 10.1.2 Non-branded alternatives are permitted where appropriate
- 10.2 The school works with Wirral F.U.S.S, a registered charity, that supplies free, nearly-new school uniform for secondary school children. A collection barrel is available at Reception for unwanted items.
- 10.3 We welcome donations of good-quality uniform for use in school or for local charities. A collection barrel is available at Reception for unwanted items.



11. Associated Policies and Guidance

11.1 This policy should be read in conjunction with:

11.1.1 Behaviour and Discipline Policy

11.1.2 Mobile Phone Policy

11.1.3 SEND Policy

11.1.4 Equality Policy

11.1.5 Attendance Policy

