

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

**Bothal Primary School** - Welcome back. I hope that the summer has been kind to you, and your child/ren are looking forward to the start of the school year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Uniform – A reminder of our uniform policy can be found below. Please check that your child's uniform complies 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 (not black and no leggings).
- Black/white or grey socks or grey tights.
- Black shoes (not trainers).

#### In the summer

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

#### P.E. Uniform

- Royal blue polo shirt (with school logo) or a plain white polo top (no sport or branded logos).
- Royal blue shorts (not black/no cycling shorts).
- Royal blue 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, polishable and sensible. Please avoid shoes with distinctive fashion features such as large buckles, logos, tags or any metallic adornment.
- No flashing lights.
- Trainers, sandals, crocs, sliders, 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. (Please see below for examples.)

##### 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.

- School trousers and skirts must be charcoal grey (not black) no leggings.

#### 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 outdoor 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 stationary and equipment therefore pupils do not need to bring in items from home. Toys and swap cards should not be brought into school. Only regulation objects agreed by the SEND team should be used (such as fidget toys, sensory objects).
- Home items should not be brought into school without agreement from the SEND team.

#### 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 lunch activities. Children with earrings in will not be able to actively participate in PE or play out at break and lunchtimes.
- Belly button piercings are not permitted.
- Pupils can wear a simple watch, to tell the time, but are not allowed smart watches and should not bring expensive watches into school. No smart watches or Fitbits that can receive notifications are permitted.

#### 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 at all times with small/discrete plain hair bobbles.
- Bows, clips, beads and hair bands should be school uniform colours or natural hair colour. These must be discrete in size.(no large accessories, bands or bows).
- 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. It must not hang across the face, obscuring the eyes.
- Eyebrows – should not be shaved, tinted or embellished in any way including tram lines.

#### 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 to the office at the start of school and collected at the end of the day. Smart watches/Fitbits that are able to receive notifications, IPADS and any other electronic devices are not permitted.

Please see below for examples (non-exclusive) of permitted and non-permitted items. If you are in any doubt please contact the school for advice and guidance.



*Any reasonable adjustments made to individual children can only be approved by the Headteacher and will only be considered where professional medical evidence is submitted*

Pre-loved jumpers and cardigans are available from the school office. Lots of our parents use this service as a great way to save money and support sustainability. Please email [bps@alptrust.co.uk](mailto:bps@alptrust.co.uk) with your child's name, class and size to arrange collection from the school office.

**P.E Lessons** – All PE lessons will start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September so you child will not need to wear their PE kit on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> or Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.





**Parking** – There are significant road works taking place outside of Bothal Lower and Upper sites.

**Bothal Lower** - Wansbeck Road is due to reopen shortly, but traffic lights and partial road closures will remain just past the main entrance to the school. This will make parking in the streets around school very difficult. Parents are advised to park at Peoples Park and walk across to the school.

**Bothal Upper** - Temporary traffic lights are in place at the junction near the old fire station which means that traffic is backing up across the entrance to the school gate. There is also a temporary school crossing patrol point in place. Please be mindful about where you park and use the crossings provided to ensure that pupils are able to access and leave the school site safely.

**Staff** – If you have any worries, concerns or would like to update school, your child's class teacher is your first contact. They know your child well and have daily contact with them. Please email [bps@alptrust.co.uk](mailto:bps@alptrust.co.uk) with your child's name, class and request a call back from your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will ring you back as soon as possible outside of times when they are teaching.

**The Senior Leadership Team** – Our Senior Leadership team work across both Central and Bothal Primary Schools so you may see us popping up at different sites; each site does however, have an Assistant Head who is based at Lower and Upper sites.

			
Miss Louise Hall – Executive Headteacher Bothal & Central Primary Schools	Miss Sharon Lock Head of School Bothal Primary School	Miss Natalie Rutherford Assistant Head Bothal Lower Site SENDCO	Mr Aaron Spence – Assistant Head Bothal Upper Site.

\*Miss Aimee Hall – Deputy Head of School (Maternity leave)  
Mrs Catharine Harle – Attendance and Inclusion  
Mrs Ha-Leigh Robinson – Attendance

Yours sincerely



Miss L Hall  
Executive Headteacher