



PRIMARY SCHOOL – UNIFORM POLICY

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms may be purchased from Birch's. They are situated at 97 2nd Avenue, Newton Park. Their contact number is (041) 363-1360 and email address is birchspe@telkomsa.net.

FOUNDATION PHASE: Grades 1 - 3

Boys and Girls

SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORM

Harvest tracksuits or Harvest Quantec shorts

Navy blue golf shirt with badge

Short white socks

White takkies

INTERMEDIATE PHASE: Grades 4 - 7

Girls Summer Uniform

White short-sleeved shirt with flat open collar (no badge required)

Navy blue pinafore

White ankle socks

Black lace-up, T-bar or buckle-up school shoes (smooth leather style)

Navy blue v-neck jersey (sleeveless or long sleeved) with school badge

Harvest new tracksuit top (Grades 4 - 6) (For cold or wet days)

Navy blue blazer with school badge on pocket (Compulsory for Grade 7)

Girls Winter Uniform

White long-sleeved shirt with button up collar (no badge required) or white short-sleeved shirt with button up collar

School tie (Grades 4 - 7)

Navy blue pinafore

Navy blue opaque nylon stockings

Black lace-up, T-bar or buckle-up school shoes (smooth leather style)

Navy blue v-neck jersey (sleeveless or long sleeved) with school badge

Harvest new tracksuit top (Grades 4 – 6) (For cold and wet days)

School scarf (navy blue with two white stripes on each end)

Plain navy blue gloves

Navy blue blazer with school badge on pocket (Compulsory for Grade 7)

Boys Summer Uniform

White short-sleeved shirt with flat open collar (No badge required)

Short or long grey school trousers with belt loops

Black belt (smooth leather style)

Plain grey socks (long with short pants and short with long pants)

Black lace-up school shoes (smooth leather style)

Navy blue v-neck jersey (either sleeveless or long sleeved) with school badge

Harvest new tracksuit top (Grades 4 – 6) (For cold and wet days)

Navy blue blazer with school badge on the pocket (Compulsory for Grade 7)

Boys Winter Uniform

White long-sleeved shirt with button up collar (no badge required) or white short-sleeved shirt with button up collar

School tie (Grades 4 - 7)

Long grey school trousers with belt loops

Black belt

Plain grey socks

Black lace-up school shoes (smooth leather style)

Navy blue v-neck jersey (either sleeveless or long sleeved) with school badge

Harvest new tracksuit top (Grades 4 – 6) (For cold and wet days)

School scarf (navy blue with two white stripes on each end)

Plain navy blue gloves

Navy blue blazer with school badge on the pocket (Compulsory for Grade 7)

Please Note:

1. Fridays are considered formal for the combined Chapel. Ties and blazers must be worn by Grade 7 students on Fridays. This is compulsory during Summer and Winter.
2. Items of clothing that are intended for use by a specific group within the school, i.e. a tour windbreaker jacket, etc. may not be worn to school or in public as part of the official summer or winter uniform.

Girls Hair, make up, fingernails, Jewellery and Accessories

1. The following is permitted: one watch and a medical information bracelet. No other jewellery may be visible. "Traditional" jewellery/skins or accessories of any kind may not be worn.
2. Only badges issued by the school, earned in school related activities or approved by Primary School Management may be worn.
3. Hair that reaches the collar must be secured neatly, away from the face and toward the back of the head in a ponytail, plait, bun etc. Fringes must be cut to above the eyebrows.
4. Students may use navy blue or tortoise-shell hair bands or Alice bands; silver, navy blue or tortoise-shell click clips or black, navy blue or tortoise-shell slide clips to secure any strands of hair that are not long enough to reach the ponytail etc. Fringes that reach the eyebrows and long strands of hair must be clipped back. Other alternatives are not deemed appropriate
5. Colouring or tinting of hair is not permitted. Dual or multi-coloured weaves are not permitted, neither are coloured weave-beads permitted.
6. Weaves must be neat, against the head. Should the weave reach the collar, it must be secured neatly, away from the face and towards the back of the head in a ponytail, plait or bun. "Afro" styles are not permitted and natural hair must be neat against the head as much as possible.
7. Girls may not wear any make up to school.
8. Fingernails must be kept neat and clean and must not extend over the fingertip. No coloured nail varnish may be worn.

Boys Jewellery and Hair

1. The following is permitted: one watch and a medical information bracelet. No other jewellery may be worn. "Traditional" jewellery/skins or accessories of any kind may not be worn.
2. Only badges issued by the school, earned in school related activities or approved by Primary School Management may be worn.
3. Hair must be cut to above the eyebrows when brushed straight over the forehead, above the top of the ears and above the shirt collar. Hair should generally be kept thinned, short, neatly brushed and must not attract unfavourable attention.
4. Hair may not be marked, stepped, spiked, shortened or shaved in such a way that causes it to be a noticeable deviation from the school's cultural norm. Students may not have lines or images cut into their hair.
5. The more fashionable European comb-over is permitted, however, long fringes must be off of the forehead and/or face. Hairstyles must be approved by Primary School Management.
6. Colouring or tinting of hair is not permitted.
7. Styling products may be used in order to keep hair away from the face.
8. Fingernails must be kept cut and clean.

GENERAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES:

- Students may not mix summer and winter uniforms.
- Summer uniform to be worn in 1st and 4th terms and Winter uniform to be worn in 2nd and 3rd terms, unless a specific date is given for the change of Summer to Winter Uniform.
- Blazers for Grade 7's: When worn with the summer uniform, the open neck shirt collar must be neatly folded over the blazer collar. Whenever students are outside of the school gates and they have selected a blazer as part of their uniform, the blazer must be worn. When they are on school property, the blazer must be worn or suitably packed away. At no time may blazers, whether inside or outside of the school gates, be carried or slung over a shoulder or school bag.
- Jerseys must be kept neat - cuffs should not be frayed; sleeves may not be pushed up the arm. Jerseys are not part of the sport uniform.
- Dresses must not be shorter than a hand width above the kneecap.
- Underwear that is visible through a shirt must be white or skin tone.
- Vests or fitted T-shirts worn under the school shirt must be plain white or skin tone and may not be visible.
- Clothing should be correctly sized to ensure that students look neat.
- Long grey socks should be kept up, supported by garters if necessary.
- Shoes should be cleaned and/or polished regularly.
- The rain jacket may not be worn in place of the blazer or jersey. It may only be worn on rainy days when the weather is inclement.
- The Harvest jacket and/or new tracksuit top/jersey should be worn for warmth.
- The full school uniform MUST be worn at all times.
- ALL clothing must be marked with the student's name and surname.

The Harvest tracksuit is required for all sporting activities. Students will only be permitted to participate in matches if they wear the correct clothing. Students who do not bring their practice uniforms to school will receive a demerit and will sit and watch for the duration of the practice.

Harvest Sport Uniform Requirements

<i>Athletics</i>	
Inter House	Harvest quantec navy shorts, House shirt, short white socks, suitable shoes.
<i>Cricket</i>	
Practices	Harvest quantec navy shorts, Harvest golf shirt or House shirt, white socks, white shoes
Matches	Harvest quantec navy shorts, Harvest golf shirt, long navy blue socks with two white stripes, suitable white shoes or cricket shoes, white starched broad-brimmed hat or Harvest peak cap, Harvest jerseys (optional).
<i>Hockey & Netball</i>	
Practices	Harvest quantec navy blue shorts or skort, Harvest golf shirt or House shirt, long hockey socks.
Matches	Official hockey strips with Harvest navy skort and long navy blue socks with two white stripes.
<i>Soccer</i>	
Practices	Harvest navy quantec shorts, Harvest golf shirt or House shirt, Harvest soccer socks.
Matches	Official soccer strip and Harvest soccer socks - long navy blue socks with two white stripes.
<i>Tennis</i>	
Practices	Harvest navy quantec shorts, Harvest golf shirt or House shirt, Harvest peak cap, short white socks, suitable shoes.
Matches	Harvest navy quantec shorts, Harvest golf shirt, Harvest peak cap, short white socks, suitable white shoes.
<i>Swimming</i>	
Practices & Galas	The official school costume/navy blue costume and school swimming cap must be worn for practices and galas. School tracksuit must be worn to and from the pool/venue with takkies.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

Girls:	Harvest quantec shorts Harvest golf shirt Short white socks Appropriate sport shoes (predominantly white) Harvest tracksuit (when cold)
Boys:	Harvest quantec shorts Harvest golf shirt Short white socks Appropriate sports shoes (predominantly white) Harvest tracksuit (when cold)

Harvest quantec shorts = shorts bearing Harvest School badge

Children may wear their Phys Ed uniform to school on Phys Ed days.

The sleeveless jersey may only be worn with the grey school shorts.

School Bags

Plain navy or plain black school bags are acceptable. However, no coloured writing, badges, brand names or graffiti may appear on the bags. Any of the official Harvest school bags available at Birches are the only acceptable options.

Sports Bags

The official Harvest sports bag is the only acceptable option. Where the kit requirements (e.g. cricketing gear, hockey sticks, tennis racket bags etc.) necessitate the use of other types and makes of bags, this will be permitted. No writing or graffiti may appear on the bags apart from the manufacturer or sponsor's official branding.

Casual Clothes Requirements/Civvies Day

When opportunity is given for casual clothes to be worn at school or to school activities, students are to dress appropriately and modestly. Modesty implies not drawing undue attention to oneself. Underwear or parts thereof should not be exposed. Skirts and shorts should not be more than a hand-width above the knee; tops with plunging necklines and extremely tight-fitting clothing must be avoided.

Consequences for non-compliance

A uniform notice will be sent to parents of children who do not comply with the relevant uniform guidelines. Demerits will also be issued to students. Students who are non-compliant on an on-going basis will be sent home.