



Knocknagoney Primary and Nursery

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Knocknagoney Primary School and Nursery or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our school uniform is important to us. It helps us identify ourselves as a school family. We believe it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

In Knocknagoney Primary School we realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of school by:

- Setting an appropriate tone.
- Instilling pride.
- Supporting positive behaviour and discipline.
- Encouraging identity with, and support for, the 'School Ethos'.
- Ensuring pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Protecting children and parents from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Supports effective teaching and learning.

A school uniform has a positive effect; not only on discipline but on the child's self-esteem and provides our pupils with an inclusive yet affordable identity. We want to ensure that our School Uniform Policy is fair and reasonable in practical and financial terms. We want our uniform to be comfortable, appropriate and represent value for money for our families.

Our School Uniform:

Our recommended Nursery Uniform (optional):

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms
- Yellow polo shirt with Knocknagoney Nursery Unit Logo. (A plain yellow polo shirt is also acceptable.)
- Navy sweatshirt preferably with Knocknagoney Nursery Unit Logo
- Trainers with Velcro fastenings

Primary School Uniform

	Boys	Girls
School Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey trousers • Yellow polo shirt (available with school logo) • Navy jumper with school logo • Grey socks • Black school shoes <p>Optional: In the summer term boys may wear grey school shorts and grey socks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey skirt, tunic or trousers • Yellow polo shirt (available with school logo) • Navy jumper with school logo or navy cardigan • Grey socks or tights • Black school shoes <p>Optional: In the summer term girls may wear a navy and white checked dress with their school jumper or navy cardigan and white socks.</p>
PE Kit	<p>Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings • White polo-shirt • School jumper • Trainers <p>An optional school PE kit is also available (as per parent survey in January 2025). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School PE tracksuit bottoms • School PE tracksuit top • White polo shirt either with school logo or plain • Trainers 	

All items of uniform, including sportswear should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

Our school uniform is comprised of items that are in colours that are readily available from uniform suppliers, large supermarkets and high street retailers. The uniform is designed to be comfortable, particularly for play-based learning and active play at break or lunch times, as well as easy to maintain. The uniform can be easily adjusted according to season through removal of a jumper, for example. An optional summer uniform is also available. A generic PE kit can be worn on PE days, swimming days or on certain school trips as advised by the teacher. In line with parent feedback in January 2025, an optional school PE kit is also available to purchase.

Official Suppliers of School Uniform

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However, most items of uniform, especially those which do not require the school logo can be purchased in high street shops and large supermarkets and we recommend you shop around to obtain the best price.

Where stock is available, we will hold 'Pre-loved' uniform stalls regularly at school events. Parents/carers may also contact the school office regarding 'pre-loved' uniform items. Donations of uniform items in good condition are gratefully received.

Trips or Sporting Events

Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events. For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears. Please note that watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn. However, depending on the activity, it may be appropriate for children to be asked to remove their watches on health and safety grounds. Smart watches that can record, take photographs or make phone calls are not permitted. All personal property is brought into school at the owner's risk and school cannot be held liable for loss or damage.

Long Hair

Pupils are encouraged to tie long hair back at all times. It is necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during P.E. activities (i.e. swimming and gymnastics) if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations in line with 'The Association for Physical Education's Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport'. Please help us maintain a high standard by choosing hair ties with colours that reflect the school uniform.

School Shoes

Pupils should wear sensible black school shoes all year round. Trainers, boots or heels must not be worn. Trainers should be worn on PE and Swimming days only.

Uniform Grant

Financial assistance is available through the Education Authority's 'School Uniform Grant Scheme' for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools. Further details are available from www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants

The Role of the Governors

The Board of Governors supports the Principal and Leadership Team in implementing the school's uniform policy. It will liaise with the Principal to ensure the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity, and is reviewed as appropriate.

The Role of the Parents/carers

We ask parents/carers to support our Uniform Policy and ensure their child is sent to school appropriately dressed in line with the policy and ready for the school day.

We will be flexible with our uniform policy when occasion requires it, e.g. during periods of extreme weather. We will also sympathetically consider any request by a parent/carer for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of SEN, religion, race, gender or a medical condition. Requests should be made to the Principal.

Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy on a regular basis, we will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case as there may be a number of valid reasons for it, and we will provide support where appropriate.

In making the decision to send your child to Knocknagoney Primary School and Nursery we request your full support with the school's policy on uniform.

This Policy adheres to the guidelines provided by the Department of Education Northern Ireland for schools on school uniform policy.

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/guidelines-school-uniforms-issued-schools>

Appendices

Knocknagoney Primary School

School Uniform – Statutory Information (2026)

Appendix 1

School Uniform Items and Indicative Costs.

Please note that costs are based on average prices at a local large supermarket closest to the school, as well as prices from uniform suppliers at the time of printing. Some generic items show the price of a multi-pack. Please note these costs do not reflect an expected spend.

Uniform Item	Branded/Generic	Indicative Cost Range	Compulsory
Yellow polo shirt	Branded preferred	£3.00 - £11.50	Yes
Navy jumper	Branded	£14.99 - £15.50	Yes
School Trousers	Generic	£7.00 - £13.00	Yes
School skirt	Generic	£7.00 - £14.00	Yes
Grey socks	Generic	£5.00 - £5.50	Yes
Grey tights	Generic	£6.50 - £10.00	Yes
Black school shoes	Generic	£18.00	Yes
Navy and white checked dress (summer option)	Generic	£10.00	Yes if summer uniform worn
Grey school shorts (summer option)	Generic	£6.00 - £7.00	Yes if summer uniform worn

PE Kit and indicative costs. Generic PE kit is worn with school jumper.

Uniform Item	Branded/Generic	Indicative Cost Range	Compulsory
White polo shirt	Generic	£4.50	Yes
Navy plain tracksuit bottoms	Generic	£7.00 - £8.00	Yes
Navy leggings	Generic	£9.00	Yes
Trainers	Generic	£9.00 - £14.00	Yes

As per parent feedback, an **optional** school PE kit is also available.

Uniform Item	Branded/Generic	Indicative Cost Range	Compulsory
White polo shirt	Branded	£11.50	No
Navy tracksuit bottoms	Branded	£23.00	No
Navy tracksuit top	Branded	£24.00	No
Trainers	Generic	£9.00 - £14.00	Yes

Estimated Total Uniform Cost

Uniform Set	Estimated Total Cost
Daily uniform	£47.99 - £69.00
Daily uniform plus generic PE kit	£77.49 - £96.50

Daily uniform plus optional school PE kit	£115.49 - £141.50
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Appendix 2

Uniform Suppliers

All generic items are available from numerous retail outlets including large supermarkets and high-street retailers.

Branded items are available from:

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Appendix 3

Pre-loved Uniform

Where stock is available, we will hold 'Pre-loved' uniform stalls regularly at school events. Parents/carers may also contact teachers or the school office at any time of the year regarding 'pre-loved' uniform.

School Sports Kits

Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events.

Affordability

Uniform affordability is reviewed in line with the uniform policy by the Board of Governors and eligibility for Free School Meals is used as a general benchmark when assessing this.

Pupils will not be penalised for uniform breaches due to affordability issues and pupils will not be excluded from learning, PE or school activities due to uniform cost.

Appendix 4

Consultation and Review

- **Last policy Review** – January 2025. Policy revised in May 2026 in line with School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Act (Northern Ireland) 2026.
- **Appendices Updated** – June 2026
- **Next Review** – May 2029
- **Consultation** – Sent to all parents in June 2026

Reasonable transition periods will apply where changes occur.

Equality and Inclusion

Reasonable adjustments will be made to requests where necessary, including for Special Educational Needs, disability and religious requirements. All such requests will be discussed confidentially and sensitively.