



Islandmagee Primary

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all pupils should wear school uniform each day as it serves to promote a sense of equality and of belonging. At Islandmagee, we take great pride in wearing our uniform which was designed and chosen by our pupils for our pupils.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- is designed with health and safety in mind

The School Uniform

Boys

- White polo shirt with school emblem
- Red School sweatshirt with school emblem (V-neck)
- Grey trousers (Grey school shorts are optional in warmer weather)
- Plain Black school shoes not trainers
- Red waterproof, fleece lined coat with logo is available as part of the uniform but is not compulsory.

Girls

- White polo shirt with school emblem
- Red School sweatshirt with school emblem (V-neck)
- Grey skirt or pinafore. (Grey trousers may be worn from Autumn Mid-Term holiday until the end of March)
- Girl's may wear a red and white summer school dress in the summer term
- Red cardigan
- White socks/ grey or red tights
- Plain Black school shoes not trainers
- Red waterproof, fleece lined coat with logo is available as part of the uniform but is not compulsory.

SDKells in Larne is the official supplier of Islandmagee Primary School uniform. The school reserves the rights to and ownership of the school badge and logo.

P.E. and Sport activities

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils need only change into appropriate footwear for PE and sport.

Year 3 to Year 7 pupils should change into appropriate and safe clothing. Some sport activities require play on the grass field and whenever possible the children will be outdoors for lessons; this should be taken into consideration.

The School Council agreed and designed our official PE Kit that can be worn on PE days, cold winter days and on school trips.

- Red hooded top with logo
- Black tracksuit trousers with logo

These can be purchased through the school at set times during the year.

Senior pupils will be given guidance on acceptable attire for swimming lessons when relevant.

Footwear: Trainers (inexpensive slip-on or Velcro fastening PE footwear is particularly suitable for younger pupils).

All children must change footwear for P.E. activities for Health and Safety reasons.

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. Following research, it is thought that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have heavy platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we encourage the wearing of trainers to school as the child's main shoe. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Responsibilities

The Role of the School

To encourage pupils to wear their uniform with pride.

Through school newsletters direct parents to access uniform grants via the Education Authority where applicable.

Promote environmental awareness by facilitating access to 'pre loved uniforms' through the PTA.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school Uniform Policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

All uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The Role of the Child

It is the responsibility of the child to look after their clothing and belongings.

Remember that they are a representative of our school community.

Behaviour

It is school policy that while a child is wearing Islandmagee Primary's school uniform whether inside or outside of school premises, they are expected to behave according to the school's Positive Behaviour and Discipline Policy. Any disregard for policy will be dealt with appropriately.

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The governors will consider, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

This Policy takes into consideration the publication from the Department of Education regarding School Uniform: Increasing Pupil Safety, February 2009

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