



School Uniform Policy



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Why do we promote the wearing of a school uniform?

We recognise that the standard of school uniform in Greenisland Primary School is exceptionally good. This is a credit to our parents, the character of the children and the consistency of the staff in the standards we implement in school.

The wearing of a school uniform is not governed by legislation but falls to schools to determine. The day-to-day management of schools, including school uniform policy, is a matter for school Principals, subject to any directions that might be given by the Board of Governors.

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. It is the belief of the school that the wearing of a school uniform by pupils, helps promote effective discipline and therefore contributes to more effective learning and teaching.

Importance of school uniform at Greenisland Primary School.

We realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of the school. After discussion with our School Council members, we believe that our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- ✚ Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- ✚ Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- ✚ Is practical and smart;
- ✚ Identifies the children with the school;
- ✚ Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- ✚ Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- ✚ Is as cost effective as possible;
- ✚ Is designed with health and safety in mind.

The Department for Education Northern Ireland (DENI) has provided guidance for schools on school uniform policy. The circular was issued on 5th June 2018:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/circular-201104-guidance-schoolsschool-uniform-policy-revised-5-june-2018>

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.



“Where financial circumstances are preventing pupils from wearing the correct uniform schools should be sensitive to the situation and allow parents sufficient time to purchase the required items. If eligible, they could assist them with an application for grant under the Clothing Allowance Scheme. Pupils should not feel uncomfortable or discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.”

Greenisland Primary School does have a large stock of nearly new uniform and families who wish to enquire about this should contact the school office. We hold two/ three pre-loved uniform sales throughout the school year.

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

Our uniform.







Class	Girls	Boys
P1-P7	Green school polo shirt Grey school jumper or cardigan Grey skirt, trousers or shorts Grey socks/tights Black shoes (Velcro preferable in P1 and P2)	Green school polo shirt Grey school jumper or cardigan Grey trousers or shorts Grey socks Black shoes (Velcro preferable in P1 and P2)



-  A checked/ striped summer dress may be worn from Easter through to Halloween.
-  All pupils should wear proper black school shoes. Trainers, boots or heels must not be worn. Trainers should not replace school shoes in the summer term and should be worn on PE days only.

PE uniform.

P.E. is a compulsory part of the statutory curriculum from the age of 4 to 16. Clothing and footwear are important aspects to safety in P.E. For hygiene and health and safety reasons, it is essential therefore, that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity.

Class	Girls	Boys
P1-P3 indoor	White school t-shirt Green school shorts	White school t-shirt Green school shorts

	Black plimsols (training shoes should sizes be unavailable in older year groups)	Black plimsols (training shoes should sizes be unavailable in older year groups)
P4-P7 indoor	White school t-shirt Green school shorts Black plimsols (training shoes should sizes be unavailable in older year groups) Black	White school t-shirt Green school shorts Black plimsols (training shoes should sizes be unavailable in older year groups)
P1-P7 outdoor and after-school clubs	White school t-shirt Grey school sweatshirt Optional school tracksuit options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Full tracksuit  Tracksuit bottoms with school white tshirt/sweatshirt  Tracksuit top with black track bottoms/ leggings Training shoes	White school t-shirt Grey school sweatshirt Optional school tracksuit options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Full tracksuit  Tracksuit bottoms with school white tshirt/sweatshirt  Tracksuit top with black track bottoms/ leggings Training shoes

-  P1- P7 children may come to school dressed for outdoor PE on the allocated day (class teacher will inform you of the PE day).
-  For extra-curricular activities:
 - P1 and P2 may come to school in PE kit.
 - P3 to P7 will change in school.

Long hair (boys and girls)

It is necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during the school day. This is of particular importance 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.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Earrings of any kind should not be worn, and we encourage parents to think about this when booking ear piercing appointments.

Please note that it is the policy of the Sixmile Leisure Centre's swimming instructors that pupils are not permitted to participate in the schools' swimming programme if they are wearing jewellery of any kind.

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. Watches should not have a function to allow for telephone calls, internet access or the taking of photographs.

Make-up.

The governors deem it inappropriate for pupils in our school to wear make-up and therefore it should not be worn.

The role of parents/carers.

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of this school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers are also asked to label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

We will of course be flexible with our uniform policy, e.g. during periods of extreme weather. We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race, gender or a medical condition.

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy.

Pupils arriving in school on a regular basis without the correct uniform will be referred to their Head of Key Stage by their teacher. Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy, we will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case as there may be a number of valid reasons for it. For instance, the uniform may have been lost, stolen or damaged. Where financial circumstances are preventing pupils from wearing the correct uniform, we will be sensitive to the situation and allow parents sufficient time to purchase the required items. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable or discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.

In making the decision to send your child to Greenisland Primary School we expect your full support with the school's policy on uniform.

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