

St. Patrick's Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Ratified by the Board of Governors on Thursday, 29th March, 2012.

Reviewed Bi-annually

Next Review Date: Summer, 2025.

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending St. Patrick's Primary School, or when participating in a school - organised event outside normal school hours. Full school uniform must be worn each day Monday to Wednesday (inclusive) unless parents have been otherwise informed due to special circumstances.

On a Thursday and a Friday all pupils must wear their full P.E. uniform to school (Unless parents have been otherwise informed due to special circumstances.)

Our school uniform is available to buy at **Select Kids** in **Omagh**.

The school crest is available from the school at the cost of £3.50. It can be sewn onto the children's jumper or cardigan.

The following is a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school.

Girls

Grey skirt or pinafore

Grey knitted jumper or cardigan with school crest

White blouse

Red school tie

White or grey socks or tights

Optional red check summer dress.

Black shoes (not trainers)

Boys

Grey trousers/Grey short trousers

Grey knitted jumper with school crest

White shirt

Red school tie

White or grey socks

Black shoes (not trainers)

A black coat with the school crest is optional.

P.E. Uniform

New school jersey **or** red sweatshirt with school crest

(An electronic link will be sent out to parents to purchase the new school jersey.)

White polo shirt

Plain black tracksuit bottoms (without brand names/logos)

Trainers

Please note that football jerseys, football tracksuit bottoms and shorts are not permitted.

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In periods of hot weather pupils can bring in a pair of plain black shorts (on PE days only). It will be at the discretion of the class teacher whether pupils wear shorts during the school day or not.

Pupils are not permitted to arrive in school wearing shorts unless they are attending a football blitz or cross - country event. Jerseys are provided in school for pupils attending sporting events.

Pupils are asked to bring in a pair of Wellingtons at the start of the school year for outdoor activities and field trips and these will be stored in school.

Please mark all your child's belongings clearly with his or her name otherwise lost items may not be retrieved successfully.

Uniform Entitlement

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you may also be entitled to School Uniform/Education Clothing contributions. Please check the Education Authority's website - www.eani.org.uk/fsm - for further information.

Aims And Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the view 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.
- Identifies the children with the school.
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

In the interests of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are watches, stud earrings in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during P.E. and games, or to cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have extreme or outlandish hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to other children.

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Make-up/Nail Varnish

Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. In addition, in the interests of health and hygiene, we request that pupils only wear trainers for P.E. and sports events.

If your child cannot tie their own laces, they should wear shoes with velcro straps.

The Role Of Parents

We ask all parents who send their child/children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Principal.

If for any reason a pupil cannot wear their uniform, a note must be presented from a parent to the class teacher, preferably in the pupil's Home - School Messages Book, giving a reason. Proper wearing of the school uniform forms part of our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.

The Role Of The Board Of Governors

The governing body supports the Principal in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented.

Monitoring And Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy biannually by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the Principal to report to the Governors on the way the School Uniform Policy is implemented.

This policy was adopted by the Board Of Governors on Thursday, 29th March, 2012.

This policy was reviewed on: Tuesday, 2nd December, 2014.

Thursday, 10th December, 2015.

Tuesday, 27th March, 2018.

Monday, 8th March, 2021.

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Thursday, 15th June, 2023.

Date of Next Review: Summer, 2025.

Date Policy Reviewed:	
Signed:	Principal
Signed:	Chair of Board of Governors

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