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**Shaping the future with
learning, kindness and care.**

Uniform Policy

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At Londonderry Primary School we recognise that the standard of school uniform 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. The School Governors of Londonderry Primary School have been proactive and quick to respond to the very small number of questions presented about school uniform and are actively involved in the decision making within school.

The Department for Education Northern Ireland (DENI) has provided School Uniform Guidelines in February 2026.

[School Uniforms Guidelines - 20 February 2026.pdf](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-02/School%20Uniforms%20Guidelines%20-%202020%20February%202026%20%28002%29.pdf) <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-02/School%20Uniforms%20Guidelines%20-%202020%20February%202026%20%28002%29.pdf>

Londonderry Primary School does have a large stock of nearly new uniform available at the school office. All donations go to our Eco school proceeds.

Importance of School Uniform

At Londonderry Primary we realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of school by:

- Promotes a sense of belonging and school pride.
- Setting an appropriate tone.
- Instilling pride.
- Supporting positive behaviour, a calm learning environment, and high expectations.
- Encouraging identity with, and support for, the 'School Ethos'.
- Promotes equality and reduces pressure on families.
- Protecting children and parents from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Helps pupils feel ready to learn each day.

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

Our Policy

This policy reflects our commitment to inclusion, safeguarding and partnership with parents and carers. We are particularly proud of our school uniform, and it is the policy of the school that it is worn by all pupils. 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.

The aims of this policy are to:

- Set out clear expectations for school uniform.
- Ensure pupils are comfortable, safe and ready to learn.
- Apply expectations fairly and consistently.
- Support health, safety and safeguarding.
- Respect cultural, religious and medical needs.
- Keep uniform affordable and practical for families.

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.

Pupils are expected to wear:

Girls	Boys
Navy Pinafore or skirt	Navy trousers
Navy jumper or cardigan with crest	Navy jumper with crest
White shirt / blouse	White shirt
School Tie	School tie
Navy socks / tights	Black school shoes
Black school shoes	
Summer Uniform	Summer Uniform
Red check gingham dress	Navy trousers or shorts
White socks	Red polo shirt with crest
Black school shoes	Black school shoes

PE Uniform

Indoor PE	Outdoor Play (P1 and P2)
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
Navy shorts	Navy track bottoms / leggings
Black PE shoes (P1 and P2 that stay in school)	Sports trainers
Sports trainers	
Londonderry Sports Top (OPTIONAL)	Londonderry Sports Top (OPTIONAL)

Reasonable Adjustments

Reasonable adjustments will be made for:

- Medical, sensory or physical needs
- Temporary injuries

Parents / carers are encouraged to contact the class teacher confidentially to discuss any adjustments required.

Trips or Sporting Events

Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events. These must be washed and returned to school after use.

For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Only stud earrings may be permitted but must be removed for sports and swimming in accordance with our school Physical Education Policy. We recommend on PE days leaving all jewellery at home for safe keeping. Facial piercings are not permitted.

Smart watches are not permitted in school as they may have recording capabilities and allow pupils to contact others during the school day.

Appearance and Practicality

To support safety and learning:

- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair accessories are encouraged to be in line with school colours (navy and red) and minimal.
- Jewellery should be minimal (stud earrings only)
- Make-up and false nails are not permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles and colours are not permitted.

School Shoes

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 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

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

Official Suppliers of School Uniform

D Crawfords School Wear / Uniform store NI	School Days	Signature Works
32B Frances Street Newtownards BT23 4DN Telephone: 07498 739606	10 Mill Street Newtownards BT23 4LU Telephone: 02891 827717	Unit 11, 14 8 Balloo Drive Bangor BT19 7QY Telephone: 02891271131 https://www.signatureschools.co.uk/ards-north-down/primary-schools/londonderry-primary-school/

Most items of uniform, especially those which do not require the school badge can be bought elsewhere and we recommend you shop around to obtain the best price.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents and Carers

- Ensure pupils attend school in the correct uniform.
- Label all items clearly.
- Communicate with the school regarding any difficulties.

Pupils

- Take pride in wearing their uniform.
- Look after their belongings.
- Follow school expectations in a positive way.

School Staff

- Apply the policy fairly and sensitively.
- Support pupils and families.
- Promote a positive school ethos.

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 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.

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