

Kircubbin Integrated Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless otherwise advised.

In line with guidance from DENI, we endeavour to make this fair and reasonable in terms of practicability and affordability for parents.

Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Makes our pupils easily identifiable
- Is practical and comfortable
- 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 Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean and in good repair and that each item is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Those parents in receipt of Job seekers allowance/benefits, should check the Education Authority's Clothing Allowance Scheme.

[<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>]

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.

Kircubbin Integrated Primary School uniform consists of:

- Grey v-neck woollen jumper/cardigan
- White shirt
- Red school tie
- Grey trousers/shorts/knee length skirt/pinafore
- Grey socks/tights
- Black shoes

Summer Term Option

- White polo-shirt/red gingham dress (with white socks)
- Summer Uniform can be worn during Term 3 and for the month of September.

PE Uniform

- White polo-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Trainers

Outdoor Games Kit

- Red hoodie
- Black tracksuit bottoms/joggers

Affordability

We endeavour to make our uniform as affordable as possible. Whilst school crested items are available it is not mandatory for parents to purchase any item of clothing that is school crested, with the exception of the school tie. Non-school crested items should also be non-branded and plain in colour.

School crested PE uniform, outdoor games kit and storm coats are also available but not compulsory.

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 and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Pupils in the Foundation Stage should have Velcro type fastenings unless they can tie their laces independently. Most pupils in Key Stage 2 are expected to be able to tie laces.

Jewellery

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school, which constitute a health and safety hazard. The following recommendations are in line with our Health and Safety Policy and the “Safe Practice in Physical Education” document, and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged with the exception of:

- a ring
- a watch
- One single/pair of stud-type earrings in the ear lobe
- No studs or rings may be worn in any other part of the body
- During outdoor sporting activities, PE or playtime, children should remove all jewellery, eg watches, rings, earrings, etc.
- Some hair accessories can be hazardous in an activity which involves physical contact. Hair decorations should be simple and practical and in school colours. Long hair should always be tied back.

PE Lessons

At KIPS, pupils are asked to wear their PE/Outdoor Games kit on days when they have PE, swimming or other physical education activities outside of the Daily Mile during the school day.

Extra-curricular Activities

At KIPS, we offer a range of extra-curricular sporting activities. For these activities pupils should bring in a change of clothing where appropriate.

Monitoring and Review

This policy, which has been reviewed by parents and staff, has been ratified by the Board of Governors. The policy will be monitored regularly by the Senior Leadership Team and the issues arising reported by the Principal to the Governors. The policy will be reviewed by the Principal and the Board of Governors.

Signed: _____ Principal

Signed: _____ Chair of Board of Governors

Date: _____

