

Straidbilly Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Reviewed and updated March 2019

1. 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2. Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- 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.

3. The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their 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, that it is clean and in good repair, and that each item is clearly labelled with the child's name.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher.

4. The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors ensure that the school uniform helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

5. The Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

Staff will set a good example in terms of dress realising that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.

6. The Role of the Head Teacher

The Head Teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.

The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.

Uniform

At Straidbilly Primary School we pride ourselves in looking smart at all times by wearing a colourful, smart and comfortable uniform which follows the school's uniform policy. We feel that it is a positive reinforcement outside the school that clearly represents how supportive pupils and parents are towards the school.

All children wear a uniform that is simple and parts of which are available at most large stores. School sweatshirts/polo shirts, trousers, skirts and jogging bottoms are available for purchase from the Heart and Home Store in Ballymoney and is as follows:

- Navy skirts/pinafore dresses/trousers/jogging bottoms – Please note that when trousers or joggers are worn they must be **navy** and that joggers with any kind of markings are **not permitted**.
- Navy school sweatshirt with logo
- Pale blue 'Polo' shirt with logo
- Flat black shoes/dark coloured trainers
- White, grey or black socks
- Grey, white or black tights
- P7 pupils may purchase and wear an optional leavers' hoodie when available in place of the school sweatshirt.
- Full school uniform must be worn when out of school on a class trip or representing the school at a non-sporting competition.

Summer Uniform (Optional)

- Light blue **checked** dress
- Plain navy shorts

Jewellery

- Simple wristwatches or alternatives (such as fitbits) are permitted but are brought to school at pupils' own risk. They must be silent.
- Pupils with pierced ears may wear one pair of small simple stud earrings. Pupils **must** be able to remove these independently in order that they can take part in PE. Pupils may be asked to remove their earrings for their own safety
- It is preferred that the wearing of other jewellery such as necklaces/bracelets/rings is kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons. Pupils may be asked to remove jewellery if it is unsuitable, unsafe or distracting. Pupils should be prepared for this.

Hairstyles

- Hair should not be of an extreme style and should be its natural colour.
- Long hair should be tied back and should not interfere with children's learning or safety.

If anybody has difficulty complying with the uniform policy on medical or ethical grounds this should be referred to the school.

ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME.

THE SCHOOL CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOST ITEMS.

Principal _____ Date: _____

Chair of Governors _____ Date: _____

Date of next review: Term 3 2022