



Uniform Policy

- *Approval by the Board of Governors: **JUNE 2022***
- *The implementation of this policy will be monitored by: Senior Leadership Team*
- *This policy will be reviewed every four years*

INTRODUCTION

It is our policy that all pupils should 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.

Acceptance of a place at school means willingness to wear the uniform with respect. The school expects the co-operation of students, parents and staff in maintaining uniform standards.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We believe that our school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the pupils with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind

When pupils are well-turned out it encourages effective teaching and learning.

The uniform contains a range of options to suit all body shapes and ages, is durable and promotes safety. We want our pupils to enjoy wearing their uniform so we aim that it is attractive and practical as well as cost-effective for parents.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Girls	Boys
Compulsory:	Compulsory:
Black blazer with school badge	Black blazer with school badge
Grey <u>knee length skirt</u> with four 6 inch pleats / grey school trousers	Black trousers
Turquoise blouse – revere collar & short sleeves*	White shirt & school tie
Royal blue V-neck jumper	Grey jumper
Plain black tights or grey knee length socks	Black socks
Black shoes **	Black shoes **
Optional:	Optional:
School regulation scarf (no other scarf will be permitted). This should not be worn indoors.	School regulation scarf (no other scarf will be permitted). This should not be worn indoors.
School shower-proof jacket with crest OR plain dark navy / black jacket. This should not be worn indoors.	School shower-proof jacket with crest OR plain dark navy / black jacket. This should not be worn indoors.
A plain dark hat (no logos) and gloves maybe worn in very cold weather <u>to and from school</u> . These should be removed during the school day.	A plain dark hat (no logos) and gloves maybe worn in very cold weather <u>to and from school</u> . These should be removed during the school day.

*Sixth form girls wear a white shirt and sixth form tie. Sixth form boys wear a sixth form tie. These are only available from the school office.

**Please see appendix – pupils are not permitted to wear trainers or canvas shoes as part of their compulsory school uniform.

PE Uniform – Girls	PE Uniform - Boys
Compulsory:	Compulsory:
Girls school PE shirt (plain black base layer may be worn when outdoors)	Boys school PE shirt (plain black base layer may be worn when outdoors)
School skort	School shorts
Black socks	Black socks
Trainers with a rubber sole	Trainers with a rubber sole
Shin guards – essential for football and hockey	Shin guards – essential for football and hockey
Optional	Optional
Plain black leggings are also permitted (outdoors only)	Plain black tracksuit bottoms may be worn (outdoors only)
Black and white half-zip tops with the school crest may also be worn in both PE lessons and sporting extra-curricular activities.	Black and white half-zip tops with the school crest may also be worn in both PE lessons and sporting extra-curricular activities.

All items of school uniform should be marked clearly with the pupil's name.

Where to purchase?

- S&T Moore, 28 Railway road, Coleraine
- S&T Moore, Sperrin Business Park, Ballycastle road, Coleraine
- R. H. Gault, Church Street, Ballymoney

Some items of school uniform are also available from Heart and Home, 10 Lower Captain Street, Coleraine and 11 High Street, Ballymoney.

JEWELLERY AND BADGES

Jewellery is a health and safety hazard in a school environment. Keeping pupils safe in the school is our priority. We recommend that no jewellery should be worn, apart from a watch.

However, pupils may choose to wear discreet piercings (studs only). These must be removed at the direction of a teacher if there is a perceived risk of injury in particular subjects or settings.

No badges other than School badges may be worn on the blazer e.g. House, Prefect, School Council, Reward Badges.

FOOTWEAR

We have a lot of stairs in our school and because of this we believe it is dangerous for pupils to wear high-heeled or platform shoes. We do not permit these nor do we permit the wearing of trainers in school as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Pupils are required to wear plain black shoes; these should not be made of canvas. (Please refer to the attached appendix for additional information).

HAIR STYLES

Whilst we recognise pupils' individuality, we believe that hair styles must be in keeping with the school's high standards in appearance. We do not permit children to have hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes un-natural hair colouring and shaved patterns.

MAKE-UP AND NAILS

In Years 8 and 9, no make-up is permitted, whereas in Years 10-14, only light subtle foundation is permitted. There should be no eye make-up, no lipstick / coloured lip gloss and no false eyelashes.

In addition, potentially dangerous nails (for example – false, acrylic or gel nails) in relation to length and adhesion, are not permitted in school. Please see appendix.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We ask parents/guardians to support our uniform policy. We believe that parents/guardians have a duty to ensure that their children are correctly dressed for school and that the uniform is clean and in good repair.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

In order to maintain an excellent standard in the wearing of our school uniform and to achieve the aims and objectives set out at the beginning of this policy, staff will record any breach of the above rules on SIMs.

Students who repeatedly flaunt the uniform policy will be subject to the Positive Behaviour Policy.

APPENDIX:

Ties:



Footwear:

Examples of Appropriate Leather Foot Wear	
Acceptable	Casual Footwear is Not Permitted
<p>Boys</p>	<p>Girls/Boys</p>
<p>Girls</p>	

Nails:

Acceptable colour and length.



Acceptable colour;
Unacceptable length.



Piercings:

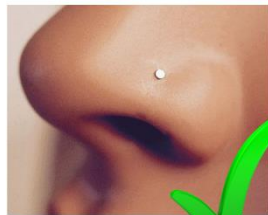
Ears:

- No hoops or bars
- No dangly earrings



Nose:

- Discreet studs only
- No hoops or bars



Eyebrows:

- Discreet flat stud ends only
- No hoops or bars

