



BALLYCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

- *Approval by the Board of Governors: **June 2016***
- *The implementation of this policy will be monitored by: Senior Management Team*
- *This policy will be reviewed every two 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.

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

JEWELLERY

For health and safety reasons we do not permit children to wear jewellery except for one stud in the lower lobe of pierced ears and a watch.

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.

EXTREME HAIRSTYLES

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. Parents should also be aware that tattoos and body piercings will not be permitted.

MAKE-UP

In Years 8 and 9, no make-up is permitted, whereas in Years 10-14, only light foundation is permitted. There should be no eye make-up, no lipstick / coloured lip gloss and no false eyelashes. In addition only natural coloured French polish, or clear nail varnish is permitted.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask parents to support our uniform policy. We believe that parents 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, each pupil will be issued with a Pupil Presentation Card. Any breach of the above rules will result in the following consequences.

- All pupils should have their own presentation card with them at all times.
- If any member of staff notices that a pupil is in breach of the uniform regulations, they simply ask the pupil for the card and note the offence, date and initial.
- If a pupil has lost their card, they must get a replacement card from the relevant Head of Year – this results in an automatic detention.
- After three offences, the teacher then takes the card from the pupil. This card goes to the Head of Year, who will then apply appropriate sanctions. The teacher then gives a new card to the pupil.

1st card (3 misdemeanours) – a main detention will be issued.

2nd card (total of 6 misdemeanours) – a main detention and a letter will be sent home informing parents of the infraction.

3rd card (total of 9 misdemeanours) – again a main detention will be issued, a letter sent home and the pupil is placed on a white uniform sheet (each lesson, teacher notes down any issues with uniform) – any problem on any day and a main detention will ensue.

4th card (total of 12 misdemeanours) – the pupil will be placed in main detention for one week and parents will be invited in to speak to the Head of Year.

After which the school positive behaviour policy will come into effect.