

# DUNDONALD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## School Uniform Policy



### Article 28 (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's human dignity. Wealthy countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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We recognise that the standard of school uniform in Dundonald Primary School 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 Dundonald 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 guidance for schools on school uniform policy. The circular was issued on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/circular-201104-guidance-schools-school-uniform-policy-revised-5-june-2018>

*“Where financial circumstances are preventing pupils from wearing the correct uniform schools should be sensitive to the situation and allow parents sufficient time to purchase the required items. If eligible, they could assist them with an application for grant under the Clothing Allowance Scheme. Pupils should not feel uncomfortable or discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.”*

Dundonald Primary School does have a large stock of *nearly new* uniform and families who wish to enquire about this should contact the school office.

### **Importance of School Uniform**

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

- Setting an appropriate tone.
- Instilling pride.
- Supporting positive behaviour and discipline.
- Encouraging identity with, and support for, the ‘School Ethos’.
- Ensuring pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Protecting children and parents from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

## Our Policy

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.

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.

	Girls	Boys
<b>P1-P3 Uniform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green school sweatshirt / cardigan with logo</li> <li>• Grey skirt/pinafore</li> <li>• White polo shirt</li> <li>• Bottle Green or Grey tights/socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p>• In the summer girls have the option of wearing a green checked dress and white socks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green school sweatshirt with logo</li> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• White polo shirt</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p>• In the warmer weather boys can wear grey shorts</p>
<b>P1-P3 PE KIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White round neck t-shirt*</li> <li>• Bottle Green Shorts*</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul> <p>Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days and should wear black tracksuit bottoms and their jumper on top of their kit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White round neck t-shirt*</li> <li>• Bottle Green Shorts*</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul> <p>Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days and should wear black tracksuit bottoms and their jumper on top of their kit</p>
<b>P4-P7 Uniform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green school pullover / cardigan with logo</li> <li>• Grey skirt/pinafore</li> <li>• White shirt</li> <li>• School tie</li> <li>• Bottle Green or Grey tights/socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p>• In the summer girls have the option of wearing a green checked dress and white socks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green school pullover with logo</li> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• White shirt</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p>• In the warmer weather boys can wear grey shorts</p>
<b>P4-P7 PE KIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School ¼ zip PE top with logo</li> <li>• Black Tracksuit bottoms**</li> <li>• White round neck t-shirt*</li> <li>• Bottle Green Shorts*</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul> <p>Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE &amp; Swimming Days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School ¼ zip PE top with logo</li> <li>• Black Tracksuit bottoms**</li> <li>• White round neck t-shirt*</li> <li>• Bottle Green Shorts*</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul> <p>Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE &amp; Swimming Days</p>

\*Also available from our reception    \*\*Also available from David Crawford School Wear

### **Trips or Sporting Events**

Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events. 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.

### **Long Hair**

Pupils are encouraged to tie long hair back during P.E. activities (i.e. swimming and gymnastics) if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations. Please help us maintain a high standard by choosing hair ties with colours that reflect the school uniform.

### **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](http://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.

We will of course be flexible with our uniform policy, e.g. during periods of extreme weather. We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race, gender or a medical condition.

### **Official Suppliers of School Uniform**

David Crawford  
21 Frances St  
Newtownards  
BT23 7DW  
07498739606

School Days  
434 Newtownards Road  
Belfast  
BT4 1HJ  
02895433725

Signature Schools Belfast  
Unit 5b,  
Castlereagh Business Park,  
BELFAST BT5 6BQ  
028 9127 1131

<https://www.signatureschools.co.uk/belfast/>

However, other 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.

### **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, stolen 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. If eligible, we will assist families with an application for a grant under the Clothing Allowance Scheme.

Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable or discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.

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



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