

Millennium

INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy MIPS-110

<i>Date of Adoption</i>	<i>September 2009</i>
<i>Date of Next Review</i>	<i>January 2019</i>



1 Introduction

- 1.1 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 and as an appendix to this policy.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 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;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the children with the school;
 - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
 - 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 Jewellery

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 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, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear white or brightly coloured trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We prefer all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list. Plain black trainers are permissible.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1 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, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Principal. Millennium welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1 The Board of Governors supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;

- considering, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Appendix 1 List of School Uniform Items

Girls

- School Sweatshirt with school logo (Royal Blue)
- School Polo shirt with school logo (yellow)
- School Jacket with school logo (optional)
- Choice of Navy Skirt/Pinafore/smart trousers
- Navy Tights
- Navy or White socks
- Summer Dress (Navy Gingham check) – **summer term only**

Boys

- School Sweatshirt with school logo (Royal Blue)
- School Polo Shirt with school logo (yellow)
- School Jacket with school logo (optional)
- Smart Navy Trousers
- Smart Navy Shorts – **summer term only**

For special occasions when the children are representing the school, your child may be asked to wear a long-sleeved white shirt. School will provide a tie for the occasion and collect it afterwards

At the moment there is no formal PE uniform. In the winter the children wear navy blue jogging bottoms. In the summer they wear their own shorts and t-shirts. Footwear is black or white plimsolls for P1-3.

For Health and Safety reasons children are not allowed to take part in P.E. lessons without the correct clothing and footwear.

All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed for P.E. Staff are not allowed to remove or replace studs for children or cover earrings with plasters.

From P1 to P4 the school office orders a schoolbag and PE bag for each child, and parents are charged for these items. Both items are embroidered with the school logo and the child's name. The design of the school bag helps to protect school reading books.

Navy skirts, pinafores and trousers are available from Marshalls in Saintfield or from any of the High Street shops.

Marshalls , 72-74 Main Street, Saintfield, BT24 7AB Tel 029 97 510315

Government Grants are now available for the purchase of uniform for those families that meet the criteria.

Appendix 2 Schedule of Updates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</i>
<i>September 2009</i>	<i>M Roulston</i>
<i>January 2019</i>	<i>B Corrigan</i>