

Uniform Policy



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Introduction

Crawfordsburn Primary School has an ethos that is Caring, Creative and Confident. School uniform plays an important role in this ethos. It allows children to show Care in how they represent themselves and the school, It is suitably flexible to allow for Creative methods of learning and teaching, as well as recognising the needs of individual learners. And finally, it allows children to come to school Confident, safe in the knowledge that they are dressed in a way that is appropriate for the school environment.

It is our policy that all children 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 all the items needed for the children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus. We expect all children to wear the correct uniform properly at all times. This includes to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms.

1. Rationale

Consultation with the school community demonstrates that school uniform plays an important role in contributing to the ethos of the school. It does so in the following ways;

- By promoting a positive school image;
- Engendering a feeling of community and belonging;
- Supporting positive behaviour.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims of our uniform policy are;

- To ensure that pupils have a uniform that is practical and smart;
- To ensure that pupils feel as equal as possible to their peers in terms of clothing and appearance;
- To promote a sense of pride in the school
- To ensure that pupils, parents and staff have a clear understanding of the school uniform.

3. The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents 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.

Those parents in receipt of Job seekers allowance/benefits, should check the Education Authority's Clothing Allowance Scheme [<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>].

4. The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The governors will consider, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, for religious, medical or other valid reasons, with regard to school uniform. Any requests for special dispensation should be made using the School Office email address (schooloffice@crawfordsburnps.bangor.ni.sch.uk).

5. Affordability

We endeavour to make our uniform as affordable as possible. Whilst school crested items are available it is not mandatory for parents to purchase any item of clothing that is school crested, with the exception of the school tie. Non-school crested items should also be non-branded and plain in colour.

Other school crested items are also available but not compulsory.

6. School Uniform

Autumn / Winter (Term One and Term Two)

- White shirt (long or short sleeve) with school tie (short sleeves are encouraged in P1 and P2).
- Navy v neck wool jumper/cardigan with embroidered school badge.
- Charcoal grey trousers, charcoal grey shorts or knee length navy skirt/pinafore (tracksuit bottoms, leggings etc are not part of the non-PE uniform).
- Grey, black or white socks.
- Navy or grey tights.
- Plain black shoes - trainer style shoes are acceptable but need to be dark and plain. Platform soles, high heels and boots should not be worn.

Summer Options (Term Three)

Children are allowed to wear the Summer Uniform after Easter. They are not obliged to change from the Autumn/Winter Uniform.

- Charcoal grey trousers, charcoal grey shorts or knee length navy skirt/pinafore (tracksuit bottoms, leggings etc are not part of the non-PE uniform) or blue and white checked gingham dress.
- White shirt (long or short sleeve) with school tie (short sleeves are encouraged in P1 and P2) or short sleeved white polo shirt with no tie.
- Navy v neck wool jumper/cardigan with embroidered school badge.
- Plain black shoes - trainer style shoes are acceptable but need to be dark and plain. Platform soles, high heels and boots should not be worn.

P.E. Uniform

P.E. Uniform is worn all day on PE days, swimming days, if the pupil is attending after school sports or if otherwise directed by the class teacher (e.g. Forest School Sessions). It should not be worn unless required.

- ¼ zip top with embroidered school badge.
- House colour t-shirt.
- Dark coloured shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (bright or multi-coloured designs are discouraged).
- Dark coloured trainers (bright or multi-coloured designs are discouraged).
- Hair band/clip to tie back long hair

7. Other Items

Outdoor Play (P1 & P2)

- Waterproof trousers and coat/all in one suit
- Welly boots

Book Bags

- P1-P3 Crawfordsburn Primary School book bags
- P4-P7 school bags of own choice

Jewellery, Hair and Make-Up

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school which may constitute a health and safety hazard. The following recommendations are in line with our Health and Safety Policy and the “Safe Practice in Physical Education” document, and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged with the exception of:

- a ring
- a watch
- One single or one pair of stud-type earrings in the ear lobe (hanging or hoop-type earrings should not be worn).
- No studs or rings may be worn in any other part of the body
- During outdoor sporting activities, PE or playtime, children should remove all jewellery, eg watches, rings, earrings, etc.
- Hair should be neat and of a style suitable for wearing with a smart school uniform. Extreme hairstyles or colours should not be worn. Some hair accessories can be hazardous in an activity which involves physical contact. Hair decorations should be simple and practical and in school colours. Long hair should always be tied back.

It is preferable children who are participating in P.E., swimming, sports clubs and /or physical activities do not wear earrings. It is therefore recommended that children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings.

The school does not permit make up and cosmetics to be worn by children, unless there is a specific event for which the Principal has given permission.

8. Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy the Board of Governors will:

- Seek the views of parents;
- Consider with the Principal any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- Require the Principal to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.