



Aiming High, Succeeding Together

Uniform Policy

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Background

The wearing of school uniform can play a valuable role: 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 from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and, nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. We also believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning. The wearing of school uniform promotes a school identity that supports high standards and provides a sense of belonging for pupils as well as promoting harmony and equality.

In drawing up this policy the school has ensured that the policy is fair and reasonable and that the uniform requirements are practical, comfortable and appropriate and represent value for money for families. The school has also considered the impact of wearing the specified uniform on the health, safety and security of the pupils.

The Clandeboye Primary School uniform has a rich history with the colours being agreed over fifty years ago and the school badge being designed by a former member of the teaching staff. The school colours of burgundy and silver are rich and traditional and are distinctive amongst the primary school uniforms within the city of Bangor.

When considering items of uniform, the Board of Governors are guided by the Senior Leadership Team regarding the suitability of items for the range of curricular activities experienced by our pupils and consult with parent representatives in relation to the cost and care requirements of each item.

Health and Safety

The Board of Governors and staff advise that earrings are not worn to school especially during physical activity sessions. Pupils who remove earrings for these sessions, will be responsible for their safe keeping.

The wearing of properly fitted, leather school shoes will minimise the risk of injury occurring when moving around the school building, climbing and descending stairs and when travelling through and playing in, our outdoor areas.

PE

Pupils are required to wear the school tracksuit as it has been deemed suitable clothing for physical activity. The Student Council were involved in the design of the tracksuit which is suitable for wear by pupils from P1 – P7. A white polo shirt is worn underneath and in warm weather shorts may be worn. Leggings are not to be worn as an alternative as they are not deemed appropriate. Rubber-soled PE shoes are specified for health and safety reasons and for the protection of our Hall floor. Pupils participate in PE on two days during each week and may also wear their tracksuit on days which they attend swimming or sporting clubs.

Team Kits

Clandeboy Primary School encourage participation in competitive sporting activities. Pupils who represent the school in Netball or Football tournaments will be provided with a school kit, free of charge. This will be worn during matches, washed by the pupil's family, and returned to school.

Swimming

Swimming is a compulsory element of the Northern Ireland curriculum. Pupils in Key stage two attend lessons at Aurora in Bangor. When participating in lessons, pupils are required to bring a swimming costume or swimming shorts and a towel to school in a waterproof bag. All items should be named.

Inclusion

Clandeboy Primary School welcomes pupils of all abilities from all faiths and backgrounds. Many uniform suppliers now provide items with easy fastenings for pupils who may struggle with buttons and laces as well as items without seams and labels which may be preferable for pupils with sensory needs.

Uniform requirements

White shirt

School tie

Maroon Cardigan or jumper

Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

White or grey socks or grey tights

Black leather shoes

Optional Summer Uniform

Red Gingham Dress

White polo shirt

Grey shorts

PE Uniform

School tracksuit

White polo shirt

Black or navy shorts

Trainers

Uniform Suppliers

There are several local supplier options for parents who seek to purchase school uniform. Bailies Menswear, Roberts and Signature Works, all situated within Bangor, stock our essential items alongside a range of optional branded items. Items such as shirts, trousers, skirts, polo shirts and shorts can be purchased from Asda, Marks and Spencer's, Sainsbury's and Tesco branches within the city, or online.

Parents and carers should note that, at the time of print, Clandeboy Primary School receives a donation of 1% of uniform sales from Signature Works and that this donation is used for the purchase of resources for the benefit of all the pupils.

Uniform cost and rationale

Item	Compulsory/ optional	Cost from main supplier*	Rationale for item
White shirt	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of uniform
School tie	Compulsory	Maximum cost £6.00	Forms part of school community identity
Cardigan	Compulsory	Maximum cost £25.95	Forms part of school community identity
Jumper	Compulsory	Maximum cost £24.95	Forms part of school community identity
Skirt or pinafore	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of uniform
Socks, tights,	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of uniform
Leather shoes	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of uniform
Red Gingham dress	Optional	Unbranded	Forms part of school community identity.
White polo shirt	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of PE uniform
Shorts	Optional	Unbranded	Option to the wearing of tracksuit
Quarter-zip Training top	Optional	£26.50	Forms part of school community identity. Can be worn on school trips and to sporting events.
PE Training bottoms	Optional	£25.00	Forms part of school community identity. Can be worn on school trips and to sporting events.
Trainers	Compulsory	Unbranded	Required as part of the style of PE uniform and for health and safety reasons.

*costs vary depending on size required. The author of this policy has stated the highest price quoted, via school supplier websites, at time of publication

Results of Uniform Questionnaire

A questionnaire seeking feedback from parents regarding uniform at Clandeboyne Primary School was circulated in 2025. The return figure for completed surveys was so

low that it was deemed, by the Board of Governors, as not representative of the school community.

Sustainability – Eco Uniform Stall

A range of good quality, pre-loved uniform items are available at any stage in the year. Parents can contact the school office for details of how to access these. A pre-loved uniform stall is hosted during the summer holidays in July and again in August, prior to the beginning of the new school year.

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