

## School Uniform / Clothing Policy



Following an extensive consultation exercise with pupils, parents and staff an agreement was reached on school uniform policy. There was broad agreement from all stakeholder groups that the basic uniform requirement should stay the same. The only change universally asked for was that in warm weather it is acceptable for tailored black shorts to be worn.

However, for school uniform to be successful it is important that parents take the lead in ensuring that their child leaves from home appropriately dressed for school. Staff in school will challenge young people who are not following the agreed dress code but staff cannot enforce a school uniform policy without parental support. Please remember that the staff of

the school are not present in your homes when your child is sent out to school in the morning.

For all pupils, a white shirt with the appropriate house tie should be worn, along with black trousers or skirt.

**Black shoes must be worn. Trainers etc. are acceptable as long as they are predominantly black.**

Each house tie has the traditional set of gold stripes on a black background, but with a counter stripe in **red** for Threave, **blue** for Kelton and **green** for Solway.

Staff / Parents / Carers should note the following:

- Denim jackets, shirts and jeans are not allowed.
- Clothing which displays offensive words or diagrams should not be worn.
- Sporting slogans are not permitted.
- Necklines and hemlines on uniforms must be appropriate for a school environment.
- Jumpers can be worn: these should be black V-necks without logos or patterns.
- Outdoor jackets, hats and scarves cannot be worn in class and must be removed; hats cannot be worn indoors at all.
- In warm weather it is acceptable for tailored black shorts to be worn.

## PE Kit

A change of clothing must be provided for PE consisting of:

- Round-necked tee shirt or round-necked sports top
- Shorts, tracksuit trousers
- Sports socks
- Change of trainers (not black-soled)
- Towel Pupils must also bring suitable clothing to go outside in cold weather.



All Dumfries and Galloway schools must have a dress code which encourages pupils to dress in a way appropriate to attendance at school. This code must not lead to direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, gender, disability or poverty. Prior to drawing up the dress code, parents, pupils and staff should be fully consulted, and it is the expectation of Education Services that parents will be supportive of the dress code. Clothing which is unacceptable in school under any circumstances would include items which:

- Could potentially encourage factions (e.g. football colours).
- Could cause offence (e.g. anti-religious or political slogans).
- Could cause health and safety difficulties (loose-fitting clothing, dangling earrings)
- Are of flammable materials which may be a danger in certain classes.
- Could cause damage to floors.
- Carry advertising, (such as alcohol or tobacco)
- Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils.

Parents in receipt of a grant for footwear and clothing from the authority will be encouraged to purchase items which are in accordance with the school dress code.

### School Clothing Grants

The award of clothing grants is to assist with the cost of school clothing for families who are on a qualifying benefit or on low income. The current award is £150 per child.

Guidance and more information is available at

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15246/Schoolclothing-grants>

Education and Learning Directorate are committed to supporting families through their Anti-Poverty Strategy – details of which can be found at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/poverty](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/poverty) Schools should also make parents aware of the School Uniform Bank Project. Donation and Collection information can be found at the above link.

While it would not normally be the policy of the authority to exclude a pupil from school solely based on his/her dress, persistent refusal to respond to a reasonable dress code could be deemed to be a challenge to the Head Teacher's authority and thus be detrimental to the wellbeing of the whole school community. In such circumstances, a Head Teacher could justify the use of the school disciplinary procedures.