

KILLYLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UNIFORM POLICY

April 2025

Introduction

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.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the rationale that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of identity, pride and unity
- Plays an important part in the engagement of our pupils with school
- Ensures pupils from all backgrounds feel welcome
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- Supports safeguarding and the easy identification of our pupils.
- Is practical and comfortable
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money and easily maintained
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

In line with guidance from DENI, we endeavour to make our uniform affordable, comfortable, practical, flexible and sustainable.

We have endeavoured to give parents value for money and choice through:

- items available from a range of suppliers to promote competitive pricing
- no logo requirement for uniform items
- non branded, generic PE uniform to reduce costs
- unisex options which means items can be handed down to siblings
- uniform colour is readily available in uniform stores including supermarkets

Killylea Primary School uniform consists of:

P1-P3:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or sweat-cardigan with/without school logo
- White /pale blue polo shirt
- Navy unmarked jogging bottoms [no leggings]
- Plain Black trainers [P1-3] unmarked with Velcro fastening [blank soles and laces]
- Blue white gingham summer dress/grey shorts [from Easter/ optional]

P4-P7:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or sweat-cardigan with/without school logo
- White /pale blue polo shirt
- Grey school trousers or skirt
- Grey socks or tights
- Plain Black shoes or plain black unmarked trainers [black soles and laces]
- Blue white gingham summer dress/grey shorts [from Easter/ optional]

P4-P7 PE Uniform:

- White/pale blue polo shirt
- Plain navy/ black shorts [P.E. - **NO football shorts**]
- Plain blue/black tracksuit bottoms [P.E. in winter]

Our reasonably priced school sweatshirt, sweat-cardigan and soft shell jacket are available from www.schooltrends.co.uk. This company has been chosen due to cost considerations compared to offering uniform via a local shop. We usually make ONE whole school order for parents in May after which parents may order from the school trends website, which will incur a postal charge [£4.95 with orders over £50 free postage]

The school keeps a selection of smaller sizes [from School Trends] for new P1 pupils to purchase from school at their induction day in June and a wide selection of sizes for sizing purposes only for P2-P7 pupils.

Cost Comparisons - indication only[Please check online for up to date prices]

ITEM	SUPPLIER	COST	Average cost per item
Sweatshirt [with logo]	Online via School Trends.co.uk	£13.88 & post [£4.95]	£13.59
	Ordered from school directly	£12	£12
Sweat Cardie [with logo]	Online via School Trends.co.uk	£15.35 & post [£4.95]	£15.06
	Ordered from school directly	£12	£12
Soft shell jacket [with logo]	Online via School Trends.co.uk	£21.53 & post[£4.95]	£21.53
	Ordered from school directly	£19	£19
Sweatshirt without logo	M&S	£6.00 - £9.00	£6-£9
	Sainsbury	2 pack £4.00	£2
Sweat cardi without logo	M & S	£8-£12	£8-£12
	Sainsbury	2 pack £5-£9	£2.50 - £4.50
Polo shirt	M&S	3 pack £7-15	£3.50 – £7.50
	Sainsbury	2 pack £3 - £4	£1.50 - £2
Jogging bottoms	M & S	2 pack £14 - £20	£7 - £10
	Sainsbury	2 pack £8 - £10	£4 - £5
Trousers	M & S	2 pack £11- £15	£5.50 - £7.50
	Sainsbury	2 pack £7 - £11	£3.50 - £5.50
Skirt	M & S	2 pack £14-£18	£7 - £9
	Sainsbury	£5 - £7	£5- £7
Shorts	M & S	£4 - £7	£4- £7
	Sainsbury	2 pack £3 - £5	£1.50 - £2.50

Footwear

Pupils in the Foundation Stage should have **plain black trainers** with Velcro type fastenings unless they can tie their laces independently.

Pupils in P4-7 should wear **black shoes with black laces and no markings** or plain black unmarked trainers [with black soles and laces]. All pupils in P4-P7 are expected to be able to tie laces.

Uniform Bank

The school will operate a uniform bank on the last week of summer term. Parents will be asked to donate unwanted uniform items which will be offered for a voluntary donation to our charity of the year.

Jewellery

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school, which 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, updated risk assessments and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

- The wearing of jewellery in P4-7 is discouraged with the exception of:
 - A watch
 - One pair of stud-type earrings in the ear lobe

- The wearing of jewellery in P1-3 is discouraged. This is due to the large portion of the day spent in outdoor learning, changing into waterproof gear and active activities and the practicalities of expecting younger children to remove jewellery when engaging in outdoor activities.
- 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**
- The responsibility for the safe-keeping of jewellery rests with the pupil
- 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
- Teachers will regularly check that these guidelines are being observed and complied with.

Changing for P.E.

In line with good practice and hygiene guidance, pupils in P4-7 will change into PE uniform and back into uniform for PE lessons. Pupils should come to school every day in full school uniform unless otherwise advised.

Affordability

We endeavour to make our uniform as affordable as possible by regularly reviewing costs and quality. We have reduced costs by removing the school logo from the PE uniform and include a school coat as an optional item. We encourage eligible parents to claim the uniform grant.

Exemptions

We will carefully consider any request for an exemption to be made for individual pupils on the grounds of religion, race or medical condition.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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>]

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities and disability discrimination. Governors have given a high priority to cost considerations, comfort and practicality in the design of our uniform.

Policy Review

This policy, which has been reviewed by parents and staff, has been endorsed by the Board of Governors, will be reviewed regularly.

Our Uniform Policy has been formulated in line with current DENI guidance [Circular 2011/04] which is expected to become statutory in June 2025.

We have also given due regard within this policy to:

- The Human Rights Act 1988
- The Race Relations [NI] Order 1997
- The Sex Discrimination [NI] Order 1976
- SENDO [NI] Order 2005

In reviewing this policy, we carried out consultations with the following key stakeholders:

- Pupils through School Council [30/9/24]
- Parents via online survey [Oct 2024] 15 respondents
- Staff via online survey [Oct 2024]
- Governors via online survey
- Prospective parents [Tiny Tots Playgroup] via written communication/survey link

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