



KILKEEL HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

We believe a positive self-image is very important, helping to build self-esteem and contributing to the overall development of our students.

Whilst fully appreciating the initial cost of school uniform, we feel that it solves several problems. It provides a smart outfit for five days of the week and helps ensure that no child need look richer, poorer, smarter or shabbier than another. It also helps avoid the distraction of a 'fashion parade' in school.

Uniform helps us establish a 'corporate identity' for the school and encourages students to take pride in that identity. The uniform is generally modelled on smart business wear and encourages students to take themselves and their occupation as students, seriously.

Kilkeel High School has a lovely uniform; it looks best when it is clean, tidy and well looked after. We do ask parents to support us in the detail as well as the principle of school uniform. We need your support in maintaining high standards. The uniform has very distinct emblems of Kilkeel High School. The badge is owned by the school and the school can decide who is entitled to wear it and how it should be worn both in and out of school grounds.

The school uniform is a key way in which Kilkeel High School is presented to the local and wider community. Accordingly, school has an interest in how the uniform is worn inside school and outside school. Advice given to parents and guardians upon entry to school clearly states the correct PE uniform. It is expected that pupils will bring the correct items of uniform and wear them in the correct way during PE and Games classes and when representing school in a sporting event.

Adherence to our high standards of uniform and personal presentation is regarded as an indicator of positive behaviour. Refusal to adhere to uniform/presentation standards will therefore be seen as a refusal to abide by school rules and sanctions will be applied accordingly. Uniform regulations apply to anyone when the uniform is worn in school or outside school at trips or other events.

Requirements

All students attending Kilkeel High School are required to wear uniform.

- The uniform should be worn without additions, alterations or deviations.
- Girls' skirts should be an appropriate length i.e. no more than 5 cm above the knee. Short skirts are not acceptable in terms of either practicality or modesty.

- Shoes should be plain black, low-heeled and comfortable. For reasons of safety students should not wear peep-toed or open-backed shoes or sandals.
- Black trainers are not an acceptable alternative to shoes, nor black jeans for smart, black trousers. Hats/caps and hooded/tracksuit tops are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted.
- Ties should be worn not less than 5 buttons in length, done up at the neck, broad side out.
- The school shirt/blouse should be worn tucked in, sleeves done up and all buttons and the collar must be done up.
- Jewellery is inappropriate with uniform and should not be worn apart from one small, plain stud in the lobe of each ear. No other body piercings are permitted. Only one small finger ring and watch are permitted.
- Obvious and heavy makeup and coloured nail varnish are not acceptable.
- Hair should be clean, neat and natural in colour. The school does not permit extreme hairstyles or colours – as determined by the school. The length of boys' hair should not be below the collar. Girls must tie long hair back when practical work is being done e.g. in Science, Technology, Home Economics and PE.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- We are aware that outdoor coats are expensive and are worn on many more occasions than school. We would ask parents to ensure that whatever type and style of coat is bought, it is appropriate for school use and will look smart worn over school uniform. Outdoor coats must not be worn in the corridors or in classrooms.
- All items of uniform and other possessions must be clearly labelled.
- The school has no personal insurance for loss or damage of uniform or personal property.
- During non-uniform days or attendance at organised trips, the school prohibits clothing which depicts alcohol or drugs, which has sexual or obscene connotations, which advocates violence, which uses offensive language or symbols or which states ethnic, racial, political or religious superiority.

GIRLS' CLOTHING

Uniform

- Maroon blazer (compulsory for Year 8, L6 and U6, optional for other Years)
- Maroon skirt (kick pleat) or black school trousers (Halloween to Easter)
- Grey blouse
- Maroon pullover
- Clip on school tie (compulsory for Year 8, optional for other Years)

- Grey knee socks or grey/black woollen tights permissible in winter
- Black shoes

PE Kit

- Polo shirt (sky blue)
- Tracksuit bottoms or jogging bottoms (black)
- Ankle socks (white)
- Training shoes (no baseball boots/fashion shoes)
- Hockey socks (maroon)
- Maroon pants
- Maroon wrap-over skirt
- Towel
- Extra pullover or sweat top (maroon)
- Swimsuit
- *Optional*
- Black athletic shorts for athletics or cross-country
- Skort
- Astro-turf shoes
- School tracksuit

BOYS' CLOTHING

Uniform

- Maroon blazer (compulsory for Year 8, L6 and U6, optional for other Years)
- Black trousers
- Grey shirt
- Maroon pullover
- Clip on school tie (compulsory for Year 8, optional for other Years)
- Grey/black socks
- Black shoes

PE Kit

- Polo shirt (sky blue)
- Tracksuit bottoms or jogging bottoms (black)
- Short socks (white)
- Football boots
- Hockey, rugby, football socks (maroon)
- Gym shoes

- Shorts (black)
 - Towel
 - Extra pullover or sweat top (maroon)
 - Swimming trunks
- Optional*
- Rugby/Hockey shirt (school colours)
 - Astro-turf shoes
 - School tracksuit

Some aspects of uniform are subjective and the Board of Governors and School Leadership reserve the right to rule on matters of subjectivity.

Signed: _____ (Principal)

_____ (Chairman of the Board of Governors)

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