



Dunclug College

UNIFORM POLICY

June 2022

Dunclug College Uniform Policy has been developed by the whole school community and the Board of Governors. Acceptance of a place at school means willingness to wear the uniform with respect. The school expects the co-operation of students, parents and staff in maintaining uniform standards.

THE VALUE OF UNIFORM

- 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
- nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils

When pupils are well-turned out it encourages effective teaching and learning.

The uniform contains a range of options to suit all body shapes and ages, is durable and promotes safety. We want our pupils to enjoy wearing their uniform so we aim that it is attractive and practical as well as cost-effective for parents.

Where to Purchase?

Uniform can be purchased from Wallace of Ballymena or Select Kidz, both are located on Church Street in Ballymena.

Uniform Consultation

School Uniform is consulted regularly with the School Council, Staff and Governors. The next review will take place in June 2023.

Safety

Parents are encouraged to provide pupils with reflective strips or attachments to their uniform or school bags during winter months.



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Formal School Uniform

Compulsory Uniform

College blazer with school badge (the new blazer is compulsory)

College tie - worn with large blade to the front

Plain black leather shoes of an approved type (**no training shoes or logos**) with low heels for safety purposes

White blouse (Girls) white shirt (Boys)

Plain black skirt no pleats and no splits (Years 8 & 9 only) Longer skirts (Years 10-14) – plain black skirts should not exceed 5cms above the knee (Girls) plain dark flannels (Boys)

Black/opaque tights or white socks with skirts & black socks with trousers

Black hair bands/bobble



The charcoal vee-neck jumper is compulsory for all Year 8 pupils. Pupils in other year groups may purchase.

*No steel-tipped shoes and no heels higher than 5cms for health & safety reasons.

PE Uniform

The PE uniform can be purchased only at Wallace, Church Street, Ballymena. PE uniform is compulsory in school. Authorised school leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be purchased also from Wallace of Ballymena to wear during PE, or to and from fixtures. No pupil can represent the school at matches or other sporting events without it.



The **new Kukri PE kit** is compulsory for all Year 8 pupils and will be phased for the remainder of the school from September 2023.

Note: Tapered Track Suit Bottoms and Technical Leggings will be available to all pupils from September 2022.



The **Kukri Quarter Zip** can be purchased from Wallace, Church Street, Ballymena. These tops can be worn during the winter months beneath the school blazer to and from school. No other casual jacket or hooded top is permitted and should not be worn at school or to and from school, at any time.



School Scarf

The School Scarf can be purchased at Wallace Ballymena. All new Year 8 and Year 13 pupils receive a complementary school scarf. No other scarf should be worn in school or to and from school at any time.



Additional Notes

Outdoor Coats

Outdoor coats must be plain black, with no coloured motifs – **please note no exception in coats will be allowed at any time.** Outdoor coats should always be removed in class and assembly.

Hats and Gloves

A plain dark hat and gloves maybe worn in **very** cold weather to and from school. These should be removed during the school day.

Badges and Jewellery

Expensive items of jewellery should not be brought to school.

Necklaces or bracelets should not be brought to school.

No badges other than college badges e.g. Peer Mentor, DoE Award, Prefect, Honours, Pupil Leadership Team.

A small stud no larger than 3mm may be worn in the lower part of each ear. For health & safety, no other piercings such as additional ear piercings, eye-brow, lip or nose piercings are permitted. There should be no visible tattoos.

Hair Styles

Colours should be of a natural hue only (e.g. blonde, brown, black, auburn). Be very careful and ask if you are in doubt. No Primary colours will be accepted e.g. red, blue, green, purple etc. There is flexibility allowed in the cut and style provided there are no emblems or motifs visible on the head.

Make-up

Junior Pupils (8-10) no make-up or nail varnish.

Senior Pupils (11-14) minimal make-up and subtle nail varnish only.

Pupils will be asked if necessary to moderate or remove make-up.

Students who repeatedly flaunt the uniform policy will be subject to discipline.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices that are brought to school must be switched off during the school day. The school will not take any responsibility for the loss of a mobile phone or other devices. They will be confiscated if used inappropriately and the Principal's decision will be final.

Exemptions

If medical reasons prevent the wearing of an item of the uniform, parents should in consultation with the Head of Year, agree a specified time of requested exemption from the Uniform Policy. Appropriate clothes in school colours must be worn as an alternative.



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*Requests for exemption will be referred to the Senior Leadership Team for approval, and an exemption note for the requested period will be placed in the student's school planner. Should uniform policy not be adhered to, the school's discipline policy will be applied.

**A pupil who repeatedly does not wear full school uniform or comply with requested standards may be removed from class.

***All non-uniform items will be confiscated by Staff and stored for collection by a parent. (The school will not take responsibility for lost items which are worn or brought to school in defiance of school rules).

Uniform including the School Hooded Top and School Scarf



Note: no other tops or under jackets are permitted





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Examples of Appropriate Leather Foot Wear	
Acceptable	Casual Footwear is Not Permitted
Boys	Girls/Boys
Girls	



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The school uniform being worn correctly.

