



Dunclug College

UNIFORM POLICY

June 2026



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/Carers and Staff in maintaining uniform standards.

The policy has been reviewed in consultation with pupils and parents. There was an overwhelming positive response in favour of uniform, promoting a sense of identity, pride and unity, supporting ethos and school culture.

RATIONALE and 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. Other items such as shirts can be purchased at other retailers. The College continues to work closely with suppliers to ensure that items are sourced at best value for money to ensure affordability (competitive pricing, discount codes & school club), comfort and sustainability.

Uniform Consultation

School Uniform is consulted regularly with the School Council, Staff and Governors. The next review will take place in June 2027.

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 (cost, depending on size, ranges from £149 to £209)

College blazer with school badge

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 shirt (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 jumper is optional for all year groups.

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

PE Uniform – Generic Kukri products providing comfort and sustainability.

(cost for T-Shirt and Shorts, depending on size, from £55)

The PE uniform can be purchased from Wallace, Church Street, Ballymena. PE uniform is compulsory.



T-Shirt, Shorts and plain black socks (long).

All pupils representing the College at sports events and fixtures must wear the PE kit.

Note: To support choice, Tapered Track Suit Bottoms, Technical Leggings and Skorts will be available also. Black socks can be purchased at other retailers.

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



Through sponsorship, team event strips are provided to reduce cost for families and pupils.

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.



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, other piercings such as additional ear piercings, eyebrow or lip are not permitted. There should be no visible tattoos.

Hair Styles

Hair should be neat and tidy at all times. There is flexibility allowed in the cut and style provided there are no emblems or motifs visible on the head.

Boys' facial hair should be neatly groomed.

Make-up

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

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

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


Pre-loved Uniform

The College operates a pre-loved uniform shop each July and is available at request throughout the school year.

Uniform Grants


There is a Uniform Grant available from the Education Authority, which provides financial assistance to eligible families, helping to cover the costs of school uniforms. Parents are reminded of this via school communications when it becomes available.

Further information can be accessed via the Education Authority's Website at www.eani.org.uk




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PRE-LOVED DROP-OFF!
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DONATE & SAVE FUNDS



Blazers	Shirts	Ties	Quarter Zips
Trousers	Jumpers	Skirts	PE Kit

Must be freshly laundered!
Drop-Off: Thursday 25 June & Friday 26 June.
Place all items in the basket in the main school foyer.
Date of uniform sale: Monday 29 June, 1pm-5pm
Parents/Carers are asked to make a donation in exchange for items.



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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.

*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 the Uniform Policy not be adhered to, the Positive Behaviour 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 Charcoal Jumper and School Scarf



Note: No other tops or under jackets are permitted





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Examples of Appropriate Leather Footwear

Acceptable	Casual Footwear is Not Permitted
Girls/Boys	Girls/Boys
	
	
	
	
	
	
	



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The school uniform being worn correctly.





Appendix

Additional notes to support rationale of decision making.

Use of suppliers

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Governors agreed in June 2025 that it would be in the best interests of families that **other items such as shirts can be purchased at other retailers.** This supports the first principle of affordability and accessibility in the School Uniform Guidelines.

Discussions have taken place with suppliers to ensure that items will be of the best quality, comfort and price.

There are a number of generic items included in the uniform policy, which can be purchased from a range of suppliers, including supermarkets.

Pupil and parental voice

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Consideration of equality and inclusion

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.

To support children with sensory issues, a range of textures have been considered in the optional items that can be worn under the blazer.

Consideration of comfort, practicality and suitability for all seasons

To support comfort and practicality, optional items such as the charcoal jumper or quarter-zip can be worn under the blazer for heat and comfort.

Parents are encouraged to choose footwear that is both comfortable and practical, examples have been included.