

# **School Uniform Policy**

## Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event.

In line with guidance from DENI, we endeavour to make this fair and reasonable in terms of practicability and affordability for parents with limited “branded” items.

### ***GUIDANCE TO SCHOOLS ON SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY***

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**Olderfleet Primary School uniform consists of:**

**School Uniform**

Boys  
White polo shirt  
Dark grey trousers  
Navy blue sweatshirt  
Grey or black socks  
Black shoes

Girls  
White polo shirt  
Dark grey skirt / pinafore / trousers  
Navy blue sweatshirt  
Black shoes  
Grey or White socks.

**Summer Uniform**

Boys  
Grey shorts

Girls  
Blue & White checked dress  
White socks

## **P.E. Uniform**

### **Year 3 - Year 7**

Children should bring their PE kit on the appropriate days and this should consist of:

**White Cotton T shirt**

**Shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings**

**Trainers / Black Plimsolls**

**Swimming Kit (Year 4 – 7)**

Warmer sportswear may be necessary during the winter and spring terms.

**Our school sweatshirt and sweat cardigan are available to order from:**

**-The school office**

**-Woodsides Shop: 21-27 Main St, Larne BT40 1JQ.**

Olderfleet traditionally has 2 purchase windows to order uniform.

-May/June

-Sept/Oct

If parents need uniform at other times, a new order will need to be created. This may incur an additional set up charge and/or postal fees.

The school keeps a selection of smaller sizes for new Year 1 pupils to purchase from school at their induction day in June and a wide selection of sizes for sizing purposes only for Y2-Y7 pupils.

### **Aims and Objectives**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and comfortable
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such.

Pupils in the Foundation Stage should have Velcro type fastenings unless they can tie their laces independently.

#### **Not Permitted Footwear:**

Bright coloured trainers/boots

Heavy Boots

Slip on shoes

***\*Inclement /Adverse weather supportive footwear is permitted for short term use***

## **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 and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

- The wearing of jewellery is discouraged with the exception of:
  - A ring
  - A watch
  - One pair of stud-type earrings in the ear lobe
- 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, eg watches, rings, earrings etc.
- Some hair accessories can be hazardous in an activity which involves physical contact. Hair decorations should be simple and practical and long hair should always be tied back.
- Teachers will regularly check that these guidelines are being observed and complied with.
- The responsibility for the safe-keeping of jewellery rests with the pupil.

## **Changing for P.E.**

In line with good practice and hygiene guidance, pupils in Y4-Y7 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.

## 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>]*

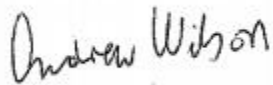
## The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The governors will consider, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

Signed:



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(Principal)



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(Chair of Board of Governors)

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### ***Appendix 1 - Circular Number: 2011/04 Date of Issue: 30 March 2011 (Re-issued 5 June 2018)***

*2.3 PE is a compulsory part of the statutory curriculum from age 4 to 16. Clothing and footwear are important aspects to safety in PE. A change of clothing for PE is important, including at primary school, for reasons of hygiene and to ensure the clothing is suited to the physical activity. Schools should consult The Association for Physical Education's 'Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport', in relation to clothing for PE. Therefore a school should choose a PE uniform which is practical, comfortable and appropriate to the activity involved bearing in mind the needs of different pupils and the relevant equality issues. It should also consider the cost of clothing for PE particularly where specialised equipment is necessary.*

### ***Appendix 2 - Circular Number: 2011/04 Date of Issue: 30 March 2011 (Re-issued 5 June 2018)***

*1.3 School uniform can play a valuable role by: 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; and, nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. Many schools also believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.*

### ***Appendix 3 - Circular Number: 2011/04 Date of Issue: 30 March 2011 (Re-issued 5 June 2018)***

*1.2 The wearing of a school uniform in the North of Ireland, as in the South of Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, is not governed by legislation but falls to schools to determine. The day-to-day management of schools, including school uniform policy, is a matter for school Principals, subject to any directions that might be given by the Board of Governors (BoGs).*