

Gilnahirk Primary School



Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal hours

Aims

This policy has been developed in line with our belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the pupils
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money.
- Is designed with Health and Safety in mind.
- In creating pride and a sense of community, a school uniform fosters good behaviour and adherence to rules.

Evidence has shown that attendance, learning and behaviour can all be negatively affected in schools that follow a non-uniform policy.

In schools that follow a non -uniform policy, many parents find that their children can become fixated by fashion trends. This can result in pressure on parents to purchase the latest football top or fashion item. Rivalries can also develop based on clothing and fashion within classrooms and this can have a very serious negative effect on pupils' learning and cause discourse among peers.

Gilnahirk Primary School uniform consists of:

Girls

- Grey pinafore/Skirt
- White blouse
- School tie
- V-necked grey cardigan
- Grey socks

Boys

- Grey trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- V-necked grey pullover
- Grey socks

P.E. Uniform

Foundation stage children (P1, 2) wear their school uniform for P.E. lessons, with gym shoes, preferably with a Velcro strap.

Key Stage One children (P3 – 4) wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

- Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White T shirt or polo shirt
- Appropriate footwear – gym shoes or trainers.

Key Stage Two children (P5 – 7) wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

- Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Navy/light blue Gilnahirk T-shirt and quarter zip top.
- Trainers.

Swimming:

Boys –swimming trunks or swimming shorts

Girls- one-piece bathing suit

On swimming days, children may come to school in the KS2 PE uniform, noted above.

Cosmetics

We do not consider the use of cosmetics, make-up, or nail varnish to be age appropriate and hence they are not permitted in Gilnahirk Primary School

Jewellery

In school, children are permitted to wear one small, plain, stud type earring. Hoop earrings can be the cause of serious injury and must not be worn at any time.

For safety reasons, children must not wear jewellery of any kind on the days when they are involved in P.E. or swimming. If children remove earrings before P.E. or swimming, there is the risk of cross infection of Hepatitis B, if earrings are mixed.

Those children with recently pierced ears who need to leave earrings in place permanently for a number of weeks should inform the school by letter that this is the case. The request for permission to do so must cover this initial period only. During this period the child will need to wear plasters over their piercings for P.E. and swimming. In such circumstances, children should come to school with plasters over their piercings or bring a plaster from home.

Children will not be permitted to participate in P.E. or Swimming lessons if the procedure above is not followed.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to the Principal.

Role of the Principal

- The Principal should ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Board of Governors.
- The Principal has a duty to enforce the school uniform, as part of the duty, within the maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Principal will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.

The Role of the Parent

For hygiene and health and safety reasons we expect every parent to support the school in ensuring these guidelines are followed and their children are properly equipped for school.

If for whatever reason children are not able to wear the expected uniform then parents should provide the school with a note of explanation.

All items of uniform should be clearly labelled. The school can not be held responsible for the loss of any items of uniform.

Recycled/Pre-Owned Uniform

School will encourage parents to donate uniform that is no longer required by them but is still in good condition. Opportunities will be provided for parents to purchase this uniform at school events such as summer fair.

Lost Property

Lost items will be placed in Lost Property and parents and children can source any lost items here. At the end of the school year, any items remaining will be displayed and parents will be given the opportunity to claim misplaced clothing before the items are recycled.