

LARNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Uniform plays an important role in contributing to the character and ethos of the school. It is the most visible way in which the pupils identify with the school and the correct wearing of the uniform is a demonstration that all pupils are treated and valued equally. The Governors and Staff of Larne Grammar School take pride in the appearance of their pupils and in turn encourage pupils to take pride in their appearance. When in uniform all pupils are ambassadors for the school and it is important that they look and behave appropriately at all times, be it in school, when travelling to and from school or when representing the school at an outside event.
- 1.2 The wearing of a school uniform in Northern Ireland is not governed by legislation and is the responsibility of individual Boards of Governors to determine.
- 1.3 This policy has been developed in consultation with pupils and staff and with due regard to DE Guidance to Schools on Uniform Policy.

2. Aims and Objectives

School uniform plays a valuable role in Larne Grammar School by:

- encouraging identification with and support for the school ethos;
- ensuring pupils from all backgrounds feel welcome;
- protecting pupils from social or peer pressure to dress in a particular way;
- promoting positive behaviour and a sense of pride in the school;
- engendering a feeling of community and belonging.

3. The Role of Parents

- 3.1 Parents/Carers are asked to support their child and the school by ensuring that their child conforms to the regulations relating to uniform and appearance (see Appendix 2). Parents/Carers should ensure that the uniform is clean and in good repair.
- 3.2 A request for an exemption from part of the uniform requirements on the grounds of religion, race or a medical condition must be made, in writing, by the parents/carers to the Principal. Requests for temporary exemption from part of the uniform requirements (for example, due to an injury or other medical issue) should be made, in writing, by parents/carers to the relevant Year Head.

4. The Role of Pupils

- 4.1 Every pupil is expected to abide by the regulations relating to uniform and appearance (see Appendix 2) whilst inside school, travelling to and from school and at school events.
- 4.2 Pupils should ensure that they adhere to PE/Games kit regulations. A change of clothing and footwear for PE and Games is essential for reasons of safety, hygiene and to ensure that the clothing is suited to the physical activity.
- 4.3 Pupils should be aware that failure to abide by the regulations relating to uniform and appearance will be dealt with in accordance with the Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.

5. The Role of Staff

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of all members of the teaching staff to ensure that pupils are wearing their uniform correctly.
- 5.2 Class Tutors and Year Heads will remind pupils of the uniform regulations during Registration and Year Assemblies.
- 5.3 Senior Staff will reinforce the uniform regulations in Assembly as and when it is appropriate so to do.

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- 5.4 Class Tutors will monitor compliance with the regulations relating to uniform and appearance at the beginning of the school day and subject teachers will reinforce these standards throughout the course of the day.
- 5.5 Any variation from the regulations concerning uniform and appearance, not sanctioned by either the Year Head or Principal (or his appointed deputy), is not acceptable and may result in contact being made with parents and/or the imposition of appropriate sanctions.

6. Financial Assistance Towards the Cost of the Uniform

- 6.1 The Governors of Larne Grammar School are committed to ensuring that cost is not a barrier to attendance at the school. They will continue to review the cost of the uniform to ensure that it does not become a barrier to anyone applying to the school or prevent any pupil from participating fully in the life of the school once enrolled. Though uniform can seem expensive, it is sensible, practical and, with care, can last for some time.
- 6.2 Financial assistance towards the cost of the uniform is available for some families through the Education Authority's Clothing Allowance Scheme. The eligibility criteria are the same as those used for determining eligibility for free school meals. Further information is available from the General Office.

7. Review and Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed at least once every three years in consultation with pupils, parents and teachers and taking into consideration all relevant DE guidance.

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APPENDIX 1 - UNIFORM LIST

Approved Stockists:

Clothing	S D Kells (Menswear) Ltd Woodsides, Larne
Sportswear	Available from the School Office
Shoes	S D Kells (Menswear) Ltd Clarks Shoes, Larne

Girls' Uniform and Appearance	Boys' Uniform and Appearance
Grey skirt (K K model) which must touch the knee when standing.	Mid-grey trousers .
Blue and white striped blouse by Trutex.	White shirt .
Girls' school tie .	Boys' school tie .
Dark navy blue School blazer with integral School badge	
Grey knee length socks or grey tights .	Dark grey or black socks .
Plain grey V-neck pullover with school colours round the neck by Glenalva/Trutex	
Black low heeled shoes (maximum height 5 cm, measured at the heel not the instep), not suede or patent. No kitten or stiletto heels permitted.	Black low heeled shoes , not suede or patent. Boots and trainers are unacceptable.
School scarf or dark coloured plain scarf (which does not include a logo)	
A watch, one small ring and a pair of small, silver or gold stud earrings (one in each ear lobe) may be worn. One non-political, charity wristband may be worn. Years 8-10 - no make-up is permitted. Years 11-14 – discreet make-up is permitted. No nail polish is permitted.	A watch and one small ring may be worn. One non-political, charity wristband may be worn.
Hair should be a natural colour and neat. No extremes of style are permitted.	Hair should be a natural colour and neat. No extremes of style or length are permitted. Boys should be clean shaven.

Girls' Uniform	Boys' Uniform
<u>PE:</u> Laced trainers (non-marking soles) White socks, (slouch socks not acceptable) Navy PE shorts White school polo shirt	<u>PE:</u> Laced trainers (non-marking soles) White socks Navy PE shorts Blue school polo shirt.
<u>Games</u> Laced trainers School hockey socks School skort or skirt White school polo shirt	<u>Games</u> Rugby/football boots School rugby socks School navy rugby shorts School rugby jersey
School tracksuit, or fleece or hoody, and/or school waterproofs	
All pupils are strongly advised to have a gum shield and shin pads for Games and for extra-curricular hockey & rugby.	
When representing any school team, approved school kit only must be worn	

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APPENDIX 2 – REGULATIONS RELATING TO UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The following notes should be read in conjunction with the School Uniform List (Appendix 1).

APPLICABLE TO ALL PUPILS

Outdoor wear

- Scarf** The school scarf or dark coloured plain scarf (which does not include a logo)
- Coat** A dark coloured coat is permitted (worn over the blazer).
NB. When travelling to and from school in the dark, pupils are permitted, and indeed encouraged, to wear reflective or fluorescent outerwear for maximum safety.

Indoor wear

- Blazer** Dark navy school blazer with integral School badge
Badges presented by the School may be worn on the lapel.
A badge or pin recognising significant achievement may be worn on the lapel.
One non-political, charity badge or pin may be worn on the lapel.
Blazers may be removed during class.
- Pullover** Only the school pullover may be worn under the blazer. No other pullover, hoody or cardigan is permitted.
- Shirt/Blouse** Shirt (white for boys) or blouse (navy/white stripe for girls) should be fully buttoned (including the top button) and should be tucked into the waistband of the trousers or skirt as applicable.
- Tie** Tie (navy for girls/striped for boys) should have the knot covering the top button and should extend to the waistband of the trousers or skirt as applicable

APPLICABLE TO GIRLS

- Grey Skirt** Should touch the knee when the girl is standing.
- Socks/tights** Grey, knee length socks; tights should be grey.
- Shoes** Black low heeled shoes (max 5cm at the heel). No kitten or stiletto heels permitted. Suede or patent shoes not permitted.
- Jewellery** The following items of jewellery are permitted:
A watch and one small ring;
A pair of small, silver or gold stud earrings (one in each ear lobe);
One non-political, charity wristband.
- Hair** Should be a natural colour and neat. No extremes of style are permitted.
- Make-up** Years 8-10 no make-up is permitted.
Years 11-14 discreet make-up is permitted.
No nail polish is permitted.

APPLICABLE TO BOYS

- Trousers** Mid-grey in colour.
- Socks** Dark grey or black.
- Shoes** Black low heeled shoes. Suede or patent shoes not permitted. Boots and trainers are not permitted.
- Jewellery** The following items of jewellery are permitted:
A watch and one small ring;
One non-political, charity wristband.
- Hair** Should be a natural colour and neat. No extremes of style or length are permitted.
Boys should be clean shaven.

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Note: The Principal is empowered to grant exceptions to the regulations relating to uniform and appearance on the grounds of religion, race or a medical condition.