

Kesh Primary School and Kesh Community Nursery



School Uniform Policy

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Ratified by the Board of Governors on: 5 April 2022

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Introduction

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

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family as it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.

It is the belief of the school that pupils wearing a school uniform helps to promote effective discipline and therefore contributes to more effective learning and teaching.

This policy adheres to the guidelines provided by the Department of Education Northern Ireland. (Circular 2011/04).

Aims and Objectives at Kesh Primary School

We realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of a school 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 and parents from social and financial pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.
- Promoting health and safety by ensuring pupils are dressed appropriately for school activities.

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

We want to ensure that our 'School Uniform Policy' is fair and reasonable in practical and financial terms. We want our uniform to be comfortable, appropriate and represent value for money for our families.

Embroidered items of uniform are available from **School Days**, 48 Belmore St, Enniskillen BT74 6AA and on line at **www.schooltrends.co.uk**.

Our School Uniform:

Nursery Unit (Desirable)

- Yellow sweatshirt with KCN logo.
- Red polo shirt
- Tracksuit/jogger bottoms/skirt/suitable bottoms to allow children independence when toileting.

Boys

- Grey trousers
- Grey polo shirt (with school badge)
- Red sweatshirt (with school badge)
- Black shoes (trainers, including black trainers, are not acceptable)
- Plain black/grey socks

Boys optional summer uniform

- Grey 'formal' shorts

Girls

- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Grey polo shirt (with school badge)
- Red sweatshirt/Cardigan (with school badge)
- Black shoes (trainers, including black trainers, are not acceptable)
- Grey tight/socks (Leggings are not acceptable)

Girls optional summer uniform

- Red and white check gingham dress
- White socks

Footwear: Black leather/leather-like shoes should be worn. Black trainers or black casual footwear are not acceptable. We would encourage that shoes with laces should only be purchased if your child can tie laces independently.

PE Kit

- White T-shirt (with school badge)
- Red shorts
- Red sweatshirt (with school badge)
- Plain black track bottoms

Other Uniform pieces including coats, fleeces and hats are available in School days and school trends for purchase.

Trips or Sporting Events: For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Long Hair: It is necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during P.E. activities if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations.

Jewellery:

We would encourage children not to wear jewellery to school.

- Necklaces, chains and bracelets should not be worn.
- We would encourage those children with ear piercings only wear plain studs in the interests of their health and safety.
- Depending on the activity, it may be appropriate for children to be asked to remove their watch on health and safety grounds.

Make-Up:

Pupils should not wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents for their support regarding our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents are also asked to clearly label all items of clothing, including footwear with their child's name.

Uniform Grant: Financial assistance is available through the Education Authority's Clothing Allowance Scheme for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools. The eligibility criteria are the same as those used for free school meals. Further details are available from the Education Authority website at www.eani.org.uk

Role of Staff

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- No jeans or ripped denim unless agreed to on a specified day.
- Wearing of tracksuits/PE kit on a Physical Education Day is permissible.

Role of the Principal

To ensure children and staff comply with the uniform policy.

The Role of Governors

The Board of Governors supports the Principal in implementing the school's uniform policy. They consider all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaise with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

The governors are very proud of how the children look and represent the school, with respect to the wearing of our school uniform. They thank parents in anticipation of their valued support in this important area of school life. The governors, and Principal will consider carefully any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race, gender or a medical condition.

Signed _____ Chairman of Board of Governors

_____ Principal

Date: 5th April 2022

Involved in the consultation of the policy - All members of the teaching staff

Shared with staff – April 2022

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