



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Importance of School Uniform

At Carrick 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 pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.

We believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

Our Policy

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 (these are underlined in the lists) of uniform are available from:-

Apex Embroidery, William Street / Maxwell's, Union Street / Menary Bros, Moores Lane / J & R, North Street.

However other items of uniform, especially those which do not require the school badge can be bought elsewhere and we recommend you shop around to obtain the best price.

Labelling of Uniform

It is vital that everything is clearly named. Whilst every effort is made to keep pupils and their uniform together, items can easily be misplaced. All children in school know to put unclaimed items in the lost property stations throughout school. If items are clearly labelled it should be easy to reunite children with missing items. Do not expect to find items that have not been labelled.

Nursery - P2 School Uniform

Nursery, P1 & P2 - Boys & Girls

- ~ Trainers with Velcro fastener (no laced or open-toed shoes at any time)
- ~ School track bottoms with school badge embroidered with Carrick Badge on left thigh, no blue piping
- ~ Sky Blue Polo-shirt Embroidered with or without Carrick Badge
- ~ Black V-neck Sweater Embroidered with Carrick Badge
- ~ Waterproof jacket/coat with hood (NO HOODIES please)
- ~ Jewellery: stud earring and watches only
- ~ Long hair must be kept tied back from face

In warmer weather Boys can wear Dark Grey Shorts instead of their trousers. Girls can wear Blue & White Checked Summer Dress with white ankle socks, White Leggings underneath (optional) and White Cardigan (or sweater).

Parents should ensure that all clothing is suitable for independent toileting.

P3-7 School Uniform

We expect, and it is normal practice, for pupils to wear the following as their uniform:

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black Shoes (trainers of any colour are not acceptable but can be brought into school for break/lunch) ~ Dark Grey Socks ~ Dark Grey trousers ~ Sky Blue Shirt (short sleeve preferable) ~ School Tie (available from our School Office in both elasticated and tie form) ~ <u>Black V-neck Sweater Embroidered with Carrick Badge</u> ~ Waterproof jacket/coat with hood (NO HOODIES please) ~ Jewellery: plain stud earring and watches only ~ Long hair must be kept tied back from face <p>In warmer weather Boys can wear Dark Grey Shorts instead of trousers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black Shoes (trainers of any colour are not acceptable but can be brought into school for break/lunch) ~ White Knee Socks or Dark Grey tights ~ Dark Grey Skirt, Pinafore or Trousers ~ Sky Blue Shirt (short sleeve preferable) ~ School Tie (available from our School Office in both elasticated and tie form) ~ <u>Black V-neck Sweater Embroidered with Carrick Badge</u> ~ Waterproof jacket/coat with a hood (NO HOODIES please.) ~ Jewellery: plain stud earring and watches only ~ Long hair must be kept tied back from face <p>In warmer weather Girls can wear Blue & White Checked Summer Dress with white ankle socks, White Leggings underneath (optional) and White Cardigan (or sweater).</p>

We will of course be flexible on our uniform policy, eg., during periods of extreme weather.

We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race or a medical condition.

P.E. Uniform

P.E. is compulsory part of the statutory curriculum from age 4 to 16.

P.E. Uniform is essential for children to be able to take part fully and safely. At Carrick, we see the importance, for reasons of hygiene and development, that children change for P.E. Therefore, we gradually introduce this in our school routine that develops from entering in P1 up until leaving in P7.

In ALL year groups, for health & safety reasons, stud earrings and watches **MUST** be removed and long hair **MUST** be kept tied back from face during P.E.

This uniform differs slightly depending on age group:

Foundation (P1&2)

Foundation (P1&2) pupils will already be prepared for P.E. and will just be required to change shoes.

Foundation (P1 -2) Boys and Girls P.E Kit
~ Black Gym Shoes (must be sent in to school at the beginning of the year and will be kept in school for use in the hall only)

The changing emphasis for Foundation pupils is to be able to independently change their shoes and remove their sweaters for P.E.

Parents can help at home by encouraging children to complete these tasks for themselves.

KS1 (P3&4)

On P.E. days, KS1 (P3&4) pupils are expected to come to school dressed in day-to-day School Uniform. However they can wear their P.E. polo-shirt instead of normal shirts (no other days unless specific instructions have been given from school).

KS1 (P3-4) Boys and Girls P.E. Kit

- ~ Black Gym Shoes (must be sent in to school at the beginning of the year and will be kept in school for use in the hall only)
- ~ White Sports Socks
- ~ Black Shorts or Black Leggings
- ~ Sky Blue Polo-shirt Embroidered with or without Carrick Badge - can be worn to school on P.E. days

The changing emphasis for KS1 pupils is to be able to independently change all items apart from their polo-shirt for P.E.

Parents can help at home by encouraging children to complete these tasks for themselves.

KS2 (P5-7)

KS2 (P5-7) pupils should always wear their day-to-day uniform to school (unless specific instructions have been given from school). On P.E. days their P.E. Uniform should come in a separate bag as they will change fully.

KS2 (P5-7) Boys and Girls P.E. Kit

- ~ Trainers
- ~ White Sports Socks
- ~ Black Shorts or Black Leggings
- ~ Sky Blue Polo-shirt Embroidered with or without Carrick Badge
- ~ It would be helpful for the older children to have Black Tracksuit Bottoms for outdoor P.E. - these do not need to be Carrick embroidered but should be predominantly black

Parents can help at home by encouraging children to organise their own P.E. kit the night before and to remember to bring it on P.E. days.

Non-Compliance with School Uniform Policy

Staff will check uniform regularly and encourage children who are consistently wearing it correctly by giving them reward points within class.

We realise that there are certain fads that come along relating to clothing and jewellery. The school reserves the right to ask that any unsuitable item be removed before entering school.

Where a pupil is NOT adhering to the school uniform policy, we will work with families to resolve problems that might be preventing a child doing so. Parents/Guardians will be contacted using the letter on page 10.

If non-compliance is persistent, with no good reason, the Parents/Guardians will be contacted by the Principal and the child will be withdrawn from class until the matter is sorted and they return in full school uniform.

Children without P.E. uniform will be required to make notes on the lesson and a letter/class dojo message (see Pg11) will be sent home to remind Parents/Guardians of the P.E. days. If P.E. kit is forgotten on a number of occasions, without good reason, the matter will be referred to the Principal.

Financial Assistance towards the cost of school uniforms and appropriate clothing suitable for PE is available through the Education Authority's Clothing Allowance Scheme for certain categories of children in Primary Schools. The eligibility criteria are the same as those used for 'Free School Meals'. The rates of assistance are determined by the Education Authority and reviewed annually in line with inflation.

For information go to:

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/apply-for-free-school-meals-school-uniform-physical-education-clothing-allowance/>

Summary

Our 'Uniform Policy' has been drawn up to make it easier for you to explain when your child asks for 'bright pink boots for school' etc.

We would ask for Parents and Guardians to use their common sense when children ask to wear such items to school and advise them that if it is not part of school uniform it would be best not to.

It also protects pupils from having to conform to a particular dress code associated with anti-social elements or latest fashion trends.

Above all, we wish to promote a school identity that supports high standards and provides a sense of belonging for pupils.

We feel the 'School Uniform Policy' will promote harmony and equality among everyone in the school.

We need your support on this important issue and don't forget, all uniform looks the same so please put your child's name on each item.

Signed: _____ Principal

_____ Chair of the Board of
Governors



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has come to my attention that your child's uniform is not in compliance with our School Uniform Policy. This can be viewed on our website www.carrickprimary.co.uk

At Carrick we feel that school uniform plays a valuable role in the life of school and we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning. We very much appreciate parental support in adhering to the policy.

I would appreciate it if you would make the following changes to your child's uniform:

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any problems.

Thank you in advance for your help and co-operation,

A Lindsay

I received the note regarding _____'s uniform.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Unfortunately _____ did not bring their P.E. kit to school today and was unable to take part in their P.E. lesson.

P.E. is a very important part of the school curriculum and like all subjects it is compulsory to take part in.

I would remind you that P.E. lessons for your child take place on _____ & _____ so please ensure that they bring the correct kit on those days.

Thank you in advance for your help and co-operation,

A Lindsay

I received the note regarding _____'s P.E. kit and will encourage them to remember it in future.

Signed: _____ Date: _____