



Laurencekirk Primary School

School Uniform

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UNCRC Article 6: Children have the right to live

Rationale for School Uniform

School Uniform helps to create a positive atmosphere with focus on learning and teaching rather than dress sense and/or popularity.

The school's goal is to provide opportunities whereby learning is at the heart of all that we do. We believe that a positive atmosphere where children feel valued by all helps to allow learners to achieve their best.

Reducing the opportunities for children to feel isolated due to the choice of clothes that they wear should be welcomed.

How was this policy created?

This policy was created after close consultation with every child in the school and all families being asked to contribute to a survey. Staff and the community were also invited.

Policy Aims and Purposes

- To ensure that there is a clear policy on uniform expectations.
- To ensure children, parents, staff and the community have a shared understanding and knowledge and were part of the process.
- To promote Laurencekirk School as a friendly, welcoming place to learn where children are proud of what their uniform represents.

Views and Findings

John Hattie is valued in education as a statistician who has analysed what helps to make children learn. Although he does not specifically mention school uniform he lists the School Environment as being an important influence in a child's learning.

Studies have been conducted in USA that argue for and against uniforms with reductions in bullying and anti-social behaviour. However, some believe it reduces the freedom of expression.

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With the mixed studies, questions focused on what our stakeholders (children, community, staff and parents) think.

300 children, 119 parents and 22 staff completed the survey.

72.6 % of children, 96.7% of parents & 100% of staff believed that uniform went some way to increase pride in the school.

The results clearly back this policy and allows all stakeholders to work together to promote it.

70% of parents believed that the policy on uniform expectation was clear.

When asked what constitutes a school uniform almost all asked believed it should include poloshirt, sweatshirt, trousers and skirt.

One addition parents (70%), children (62.2%) and staff (66.7%) wanted ties.

All stakeholders were also asked if a standardised gym kit should be part of the uniform. 90% of parents, 43% of children and 83% of staff believed this should be promoted with t-shirts being the child's school house colour.

As a promoter of outdoor play in all weathers and in our lovely wooded area, we have indoor shoes to protect our school building. Almost all adults wanted black plimsole shoes and/or trainers with almost all children

Expectation

There is an expectation that children attend school in school uniform. If they are wearing other attire that can be removed to show school uniform then children will be asked by staff to do this.

School Uniform

Laurencekirk School uniform consists of:

- Dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (option of shorts in summer)
- White t-shirt with school logo
- Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- School Tie with white shirt (Optional)
- School book bag for protection of school books



There is no difference between what boys or girls choose to wear as uniform.

Indoor Shoes

- Black trainers (a small coloured log is permissible)- non marking
- Black plimsoles- non marking

Outdoor shoes

- Shoes of child's choice - preferably black.

Gym Kit

- Black shorts/leggings
- Indoor shoes mentioned above.
- House colour t-shirt with school logo.

Formal Attire

When representing the school at events or as part of a Council

- School Tie
- White Shirt
- Dark trousers/skirt
- Black shoes/trainers.

NB: School ties will be available from Winter 2017.

Optional Attire

- School logo fleece
- School logo outdoor jacket
- School logo bag

Football

Staffing and weather permitting, football will take place all year round. Children should bring footwear that will only be used on the football field and will have a full change of school uniform.

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If children do not have these items, they will not be allowed to take part. The football will be provided by the school.

Funding

We believe we have provided a school uniform that will meet all budgets from a range of suppliers.

Funding is available from <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/school-clothing-grants/>

Ownership of uniforms

Children should be encouraged to take ownership of their possessions and to seek out lost clothing in our lost property areas in each wing of the school.

All items of clothing and footwear should have the name of the child written on it with a laundry pen.

Suppliers

The school has two suppliers of school uniform. These suppliers vary in price and quality and we give choice to parents depending on their preference.

Uniform can be purchased via the school's website
<http://laurencekirk.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

Uniform can be tried out at the school office.