



## KILLOWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The wearing of school uniform is considered an extremely important part of school life and portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. Killowen Primary School is very proud of our uniform which is simple but smart and we, as a school, take great pride in the appearance of our children, not only during the school day but as they represent their school within the local and wider community. The uniform of Killowen Primary School gives the children an important sense of identity and belonging with the school.

### School Uniform Information

At Killowen Primary School as part of our overriding Pastoral Care Policy, we have clear and high expectations of what our children should wear and when we expect them to wear it. The following guidelines set out this information:-

#### **BOYS – School Day**

- This is a Killowen PS sweatshirt.
- A white polo shirt or a plain white shirt, worn with a Killowen PS tie.
- Grey trousers/grey shorts.
- Grey/dark socks.
- Black shoes. Shoes should be appropriate for class and playground activities.

#### **GIRLS – School Day**

- This is a Killowen PS sweatshirt.
- A white polo shirt or a plain white shirt, worn with a Killowen PS tie.
- Grey pinafore or skirt.
- Alternatively in winter girls may wear grey trousers and in summer a blue and white dress (gingham or striped) may be worn.
- Grey tights/white socks.
- Black shoes. Shoes should be appropriate for class and playground activities.

Children representing the school at choir and music groups require a plain white shirt with Killowen PS school tie for concerts and performances.

1. Boys and girls can also wear a Killowen PS waterproof jacket.
2. All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
3. Only plain gold or silver studs or sleepers are to be worn in pierced ears. Hoop earrings can be the cause of serious injury and must not be worn at any time.
4. Jewellery other than watches is not permitted.
5. Hair should be neat and tidy.
6. Long hair should be tied back and out of eyes. Please use simple, plain hair accessories, in keeping with our uniform.
7. Children should not come into school with hair colouring in, or with designs/patterns cut into their hair. These are not appropriate for school.
8. We do not consider the use of cosmetics and make-up to be age appropriate and therefore we do not permit during the school day.
9. All branded items of the school uniform can be ordered and purchased from our nominated suppliers – **REACH EPS and McCALLS of Lisburn.**

## **PE UNIFORM**

As part of our PE and Health Education programme all children are expected to change for PE and Games. We do this primarily for Safety reasons but also to try to remove the need for expensive sports clothing and therefore we have a simple PE Kit Policy. The simplicity of the uniform required for PE is also cost effective with the items below available not only from our nominated School Uniform suppliers but also from Tesco, ASDA etc.

## **PE KIT**

For PE children require:-

- A white t-shirt.
- Blue or black shorts.
- Trainers or gym shoes.
- Track suits, preferably royal blue, may be worn for games during outdoor sessions especially during the winter months.
- Swimming Lessons - Boys should wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts and girls should wear one piece bathing suit(not a bikini).

It is important for pupils to wear correct clothing for physical activities.

- Primary 1 – 3 pupils will come to school on their PE days wearing their PE kit under their royal blue jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt. This is to minimise the time taken for changing and thus maximising the learning.
- Jewellery must not be worn for sporting activities including swimming. Studs or sleepers if worn and unable to be removed must be covered by plasters (this is a parent's responsibility on the PE or Swimming day). Children will not be permitted to participate in PE or Swimming lessons if the procedure above is not followed.
- Long hair should be tied back, in the interest of health and safety.
- Please label and mark your child's belongings – children frequently get separated from their belongings!

At Killowen Primary School we are fortunate to have great support from parents and the wider community who have enhanced the experiences of sport by providing top quality kits for our school teams. The children's pride in representing the school is boosted by the wearing of a smart, collegiate, team kit when playing their particular sport.

## **Role of the Class Teacher and Support Staff**

- Staff will encourage and give recognition for the correct uniform and for tidiness during the school day.
- Staff will give reminders to children of the correct uniform required for an activity and ensure all children are safely and appropriately dressed so as not to endanger themselves or others.

## **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 good order and management in the school.

## **The Role of the Parent**

- The school expects every parent to support the school in ensuring these guidelines are followed and that their children are properly equipped for school, in the interests of good hygiene and safety for all.
- All items of uniform should be clearly labelled. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss of any items of uniform.

## **Lost Property**

- Killowen PS is a busy place and there are a number of changes throughout the school day so it is not uncommon for children, in the majority of cases, to misplace items of clothing as with 400 children broadly wearing the same type of clothing, matching up can cause confusion. The first port of call should always be with the class teacher who can systematically retrace the events of the day and check communal areas.
- Lost items will be placed in Lost Property (located in the Dining Hall store) and children with their teacher can source any lost items there. 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 items are recycled.

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