KNOCKBREDA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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Knockbreda Primary School is committed to providing a uniform that is:

- *Affordable for all families*
- *Practical and comfortable*
- *Inclusive and free from discrimination*
- *Supportive of school identify and safeguarding*

These principles align with the Department of Education Uniform Guidelines and the statutory requirements introduced under the School Uniform (Guidelines and Allowances) Act (NI) 2026, which requires schools to minimise costs, reduce branded items, and consult with families regularly.

Importance of School Uniform
At Knockbreda Primary School we realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of 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 are particularly proud of our school uniform, and it is the policy of the school that it is worn by all pupils. A school uniform has a positive effect; not only on discipline but on the child's self-esteem and provides our pupils with an inclusive yet affordable identity.

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.

P1-P7 Uniform	• School sweatshirt / cardigan with logo • Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts • White polo shirt • Grey tights/white or grey socks • Black shoes • In the summer girls have the option of wearing a blue checked dress and white socks, boys can wear shorts.
P1-P7 PE KIT	• blue round neck t-shirt – available with school logo • Dark Shorts/ track bottoms / leggings • Trainers Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days and should wear dark tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper/ cardigan on top of their kit.

Trips or Sporting Events
Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events. For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Forest School
We maintain a wide range of sizes in waterproof clothing including puddle suits, raincoats and waterproof trousers, as well as wellington boots and woollen hats for children to borrow for outdoor activities.

Jewellery
For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Only stud earrings may be permitted but must be removed for sports and swimming in accordance with our school Physical Education Policy.

Long Hair
Pupils are encouraged to tie long hair back during P.E. activities (i.e. swimming and gymnastics) if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations. Please help us maintain a high standard by choosing hair ties with colours that reflect the school uniform.

School Shoes
All pupils should wear proper black school shoes/ trainers. Coloured trainers, boots or heels must not be worn.

Uniform Grant
Financial assistance is available through the Education Authority's 'School Uniform Grant Scheme' for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools.
Further details are available from:
www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants

All items of uniform, including sportswear should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

Official Suppliers of School Uniform
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However, other items of uniform, especially those which do not require the school badge can be bought elsewhere.

Our suppliers also carry embroidered school coats, woollen hats and caps which are optional.

Exceptions to the School Uniform Policy

We will of course be flexible with our uniform policy, e.g. 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, gender or a medical condition.

Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy, we will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case as there may be a number of valid reasons for it. For instance, the uniform may have been lost, stolen or damaged. Where financial circumstances are preventing pupils from wearing the correct uniform we will be sensitive to the situation and allow parents sufficient time to purchase the required items. If eligible, we will assist families with an application for a grant under the Clothing Allowance Scheme.

Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable or discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.

Consideration will be given to pupils who may have additional needs which require adjustments to uniform or relaxation of rules on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs Sayers to discuss uniform adjustments if necessary.

Within school we hold a limited number of additional second-hand uniform items that are made available to parents throughout the year and at the beginning of each new school year. Parents should contact school if they would like additional uniform items at no cost.

2026/27 Prices for School Items which have the school badge from Signature Works

Sweatshirt	£15.50 - £17.50*
Cardigan	£16.50 - £18.50*
Polo Shirt	£11.50 - £12.50*
PE T-shirt	£11.00
Mistral Jacket	£28.00 optional
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