

School Uniform

It is the policy of the Education Committee to encourage pupils to wear an acceptable form of school dress as determined by Head Teachers, Parent Councils and parents. In encouraging the wearing of school dress, account must be taken of any proposals to prevent any direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race or gender. Any proposal will be the subject of widespread consultation with parents and pupils.

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform.

The uniform was agreed in consultation with parents, pupils, staff and the Parent Council. It incorporates a range of popular items of dress, e.g. sweatshirts, T-shirts.

Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

A school's reputation can also be enhanced in the local community by the wearing of school uniform and school security will be improved as it will be easier to identify intruders.

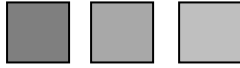
The appropriate clothing and footwear for PE is a T-shirt, shorts and gym shoes with non-marking soles. These are necessary for health and safety reasons and your co-operation is requested to ensure that pupils are equipped to participate in the PE lessons - please note there is a requirement that all jewellery is removed prior to undertaking physical education activities.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly ties, sweat shirts and PE kit which are often lost. Please help the school and the education authority by making sure that pupils do not bring valuable or expensive items of clothing to school.

Offensive clothing such as T-shirts or other items painted with obscene language or illustrations are not permitted. Football colours are also inappropriate as they can lead to incidents of rivalry.

Under no circumstances will pupils be deprived of any educational benefit as a result of not wearing uniform and, in particular, pupils will not be denied access to examinations as a result of not wearing school dress.

Parents are asked to assist by ensuring that valuable items and unnecessarily expensive items of clothing are not brought to school.



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Parents/carers receiving income support or income based job seekers allowance or housing benefit or council tax rebate (not discount) or employment and support allowance (income related) will normally be entitled to monetary grants for footwear and clothing for their children. Parents who are in receipt of working tax credit and/or child tax credit may also be eligible, the Community Hubs and education office can provide more details. Approval of any requests for such grants made by parents in different circumstances is at the discretion of the Chief Education Officer. Information and application forms may be obtained from schools, the Community Hubs and the education office.

If you have any queries regarding the school's dress code, please contact the Head Teacher.

At Craighdu Primary School the uniform is :

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
White shirt or blouse and school tie
Blue sweatshirt and white polo shirt
Black school shoes

Additional items available are :

Blue fleece, baseball cap, woollen hat, schoolbag, school badge and cagoules

Sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school badge along with the additional items are available through our ordering service. Information on how to do this is on the school's website under school information/forms/uniform.

In the interests of safety and in order that children gain maximum benefit from physical education your child should be provided with shorts, a t-shirt and PE shoes. For safety reasons, jewellery must not be worn during these lessons. We have found in the past that children lose valuable PE time having recently had their ears pierced. We have been advised that newly pierced ears can no longer be covered with tape. If you are considering allowing your child to have their ears pierced this would be better at the end of a session, thus allowing time for ears to heal and earrings to be removed for PE. We also request that children have a pair of PE shoes or indoor shoes to change into every day as all our classrooms are carpeted.