# Killen Primary School

# Uniform Policy

**The Governors will monitor the implementation of this policy and evaluate and review as necessary**

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**Chair of Governors –** Lesley Sproule

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**K**ids **P**athway to **S**uccess

## KPS Ethos statement

We at Killen Primary School believe pupils should have access to a safe, happy, stimulating environment in which they reach their full potential, socially, emotionally and academically. Furthermore, the values of respect, kindness, equality and mutual understanding are the foundations of the school.

## KPS Vision

Killen Primary School strives to be a safe, welcoming, child-centred, inclusive school family celebrating success for all. We encourage each child to be confident and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and respect for others in the community.

## KPS Mission statement

Killen Primary School aims to:

- Provide high quality teaching that inspires a love for learning in every child through engaging and challenging experiences
- Meet the individual needs of all learners through differentiation and personalised support
- Create a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment where every child feels valued, respected and included
- Ensure equality of opportunity for all students to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or abilities
- Empower students to become responsible and compassionate citizens who contribute positively to their community
- Support the professional development of staff to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to deliver high quality education.
- Build strong partnerships with parents, families and external agencies to support student learning and well-being
- Operate with a strong set of values that prioritise respect, kindness and inclusivity for all members of the school community

**Killen Primary School Core Values**

- Respect
- Kindness
- Inclusivity/Equality
- Happiness
- Manners
- Resilience

The wearing of school uniform is not governed by legislation but our policy has been adopted by the Board of Governors.

**Aims of the policy**

- To instil pride in our children through the wearing of their school uniform.

- To encourage the children's identity with and support for our school ethos.

- To protect our children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

- To nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

- To ensure children of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.

- To support positive behaviour and discipline and in turn support effective teaching and learning

As part of our ethos we would like all children to wear the correct uniform properly at all times. This includes to and from school, the playground, corridors and classrooms.

It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger children are able to manage their own clothes and shoes. This should be considered when purchasing school uniform. We therefore encourage velcro fastening trainers/shoes in Foundation and Key Stage 1.

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked, with a permanent marker or label, with the child's name.

**School Uniform**

**Girls**

**Pale blue school polo shirt** (This does not have to display school logo – plain polo shirts can be purchased in a variety of stores including Asda, Dunnes, Tesco. Polo shirts including school logo can be purchased in S&K Shoes Castlederg)

**Grey school sweatshirt** (This can be purchased in S&K Shoes Castlederg and Eco Shop)

**Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore** (These items can be purchased in a variety of stores including Asda, Dunnes, Marks & Spencers, Tesco)

**Boys**

**Pale blue school polo shirt** (This does not have to display school logo – plain polo shirts can be purchased in a variety of stores including Asda, Dunnes, Tesco. Polo shirts including school logo can be purchased in S&K Shoes Castlederg)

**Grey school sweatshirt** (This can be purchased in S&K Shoes Castlederg)

**Grey trousers** (Trousers can be purchased in a variety of stores including Asda, Dunnes, Marks & Spencers, Tesco)

**Footwear** – comfortable and practical footwear

For prices please refer to Uniform requirements 26/27 available on the website.

In the Summer, if weather is hot, children are permitted to wear shorts to school. Girls can also choose to wear the light blue gingham dress.

**P.E Uniform**

Children should wear indoor trainers, navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings into school on P.E days. Long hair needs to be tied back for P.E lessons.

Children will wear their blue school polo shirt during P.E lessons.

**Eco Uniform shop**

Please note that Killen Primary School operates an eco uniform shop. This consists of a variety of school uniform items which have been handed in to the school to recycle. These are available to purchase at a small cost.

**Jewellery**

- We would encourage children not to wear jewellery to school.
- Necklaces should not be worn over the top of uniforms.
- We would encourage those children with ear piercings to wear plain studs in the interests of their health and safety.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for jewellery that is lost or broken.

**Make-up/false nails**

No make-up or false nails should be worn by pupils at primary school.

**Role of Staff**

To set a good example in terms of dress

**Role of the Principal**

To ensure children and staff comply with the uniform policy.

**Role of the Governors**

Governors will be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents/carers and will handle it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors will work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

**Role of Parents/Guardians/Carers**

Parents/guardians/carers will ensure their children adhere to the school's uniform policy.

**Race, Equality and Equal Opportunities**

We are committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their own full potential.

Any child entitled to a Free School Meal is entitled to financial assistance through the Education Authority Clothing Allowance Scheme.

https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school

This will not cover the full cost of uniform but will assist with the cost of purchase.