

Dalystown N.S. – School Uniform Policy

Rationale for a School Uniform

1. A school uniform reflects a sense of belonging to a school community and therefore it is our aim that each pupil would take pride in their appearance in full school uniform.
2. School uniform is about Equality- all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.
3. School uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.
4. School uniform enables our pupils to take pride in their school and to have a sense of belonging.
5. A school uniform supports positive behaviour.
6. A school uniform helps create a school identity
7. A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.
8. A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom.

The Dalystown National School Uniform will consist of:

- A Royal Blue Round Neck Jumper or Cardigan
- A White Polo T-Shirt
- Dark Grey Trousers, Tracksuit Bottoms, Pinafore, Skirt or Shorts.
- Dark shoes/runners with a dark sole.

The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts, tracksuit bottoms and jumpers in the major stores and from the local suppliers.

The School Crest will be available to purchase from the office. It should be ironed or sewn onto the top left hand side of the Jumper or Cardigan.

Labelling:

- Parents should ensure that all items are adequately labelled with their child's details. A pen or formal label can be used for this purpose.

Hair

- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition.
- Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of head lice within classrooms.

Dress and Appearance – Implementation and Sanctions

- Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/ daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform.
- Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son / daughter maintains a high standard of uniform dress
- Staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine.
- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification.
- If the dress code is not adhered to an explanatory note will be required.
- In the absence of a satisfactory note of explanation and depending on the circumstances the school will contact the parents seeking clarification.

