Kirkcudbright Academy

Uniform Policy

Kirkcudbright Academy Dress Code

Following discussions at Parent Council, with senior students and with manufacturers, we have revised the school's dress code in order to promote school uniform and clarify what is acceptable.

When in school, all pupils will wear:

• White shirt and school tie

• Black skirt, dress or trousers (no jeans or sports-wear, leggings may only be worn beneath a skirt)

• Any jumper, cardigan or waistcoat worn should also be in black; no other colours or designs are acceptable. Patterns and logos are not acceptable and pupils will be asked to remove them when in the classroom.

• Black shoes with black soles and no motif

Optional

• Black blazer with school crest on breast pocket (these are available in two different styles, can be worn in class and are generally cheaper than a jacket)

Dress Code from the Education, Skills and Community Wellbeing Directorate

All Dumfries and Galloway schools must have a school uniform dress code which encourages pupils to dress in a way appropriate to attendance at school. This code must not lead to direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, gender, disability or poverty.

Prior to drawing up the school uniform dress code, parents, pupils and staff were fully consulted and it is the expectation of Education and Learning Directorate (now Education, Skills and Community Wellbeing Directorate) that parents will be supportive of the dress code.

Clothing which is unacceptable in school under any circumstances would include items which:

• Could potentially encourage factions (eg football colours or club branded clothing).

• Could cause offence (eg anti-religious or political slogans, revealing or overly sexualised).

• Could cause health and safety difficulties such as loose fitting clothing, dangling earrings.

• Are of flammable materials which may be a danger in certain classes.

• Could cause damage to floors.

• Carry advertising, in particular for alcohol or tobacco or brand logos.

• Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils.

At Kirkcudbright Academy we want our pupils to be as smart as possible and to show pride in themselves and their school through their clothing - naked midriffs and unbuttoned shirts are inappropriate for our school and the Scottish climate.

If pupils have any body piercing, they must meet safety requirements, meaning that that they should not wear large hoops or rings in piercings and they should be prepared to remove or cover piercings if requested to do so.

School Clothing Grants

The award of clothing grants is to assist with the cost of school clothing for families who are on a qualifying benefit or on low income. The current award is £150 per secondary school child. Parents in receipt of a grant for footwear and clothing from the authority are encouraged to purchase items which are in accordance with the school dress code.

Eligibility for a clothing grant is essentially the same as the eligibility for free meals at school and we know that approximately half of households who are entitled to these benefits do not apply for them. Guidance and more information is available at

http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15246/Schoolclothing-grants

http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15244/schoolmeals

While it would not normally be the policy of the authority to exclude a pupil from school solely based on his/her dress, persistent refusal to respond to a reasonable dress code could be deemed to be a challenge to the headteacher's authority and thus be detrimental to the well-being of the whole school community. In such circumstances, a headteacher could justify the use of the school disciplinary procedures