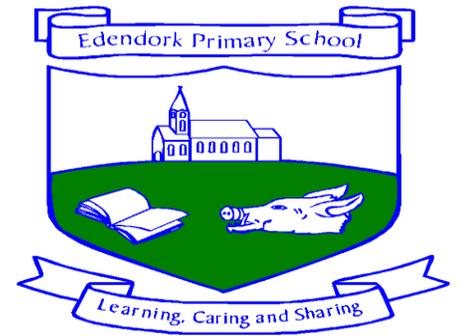


Edendork Primary School Uniform Policy

(This policy has been developed to comply with the School Uniforms Guidelines and Allowances Act NI 2026)



Introduction

This policy outlines the uniform expectations for pupils attending Edendork P.S. in accordance with statutory guidelines.

Principles

The guiding principles in relation to decisions made regarding the uniform at Edendork P.S. are:

- Affordability and accessibility
- Equality and inclusion
- Comfort and practicality
- Transparency and consultation
- Participation and wellbeing



Edendork P.S. Main Uniform

- Navy crested sweatshirt
- White crested polo shirt
- School Jersey
- Navy jogging bottoms (no logos)
- Navy skirt - option for jogging bottoms
- Navy shorts/3 quarter lengths - option for jogging bottoms
- Blue & white gingham dress

PE Uniform

- Plain white T-shirt / School Jersey
- Plain navy leggings/joggers or navy shorts (no brand/logo)
- Trainers

Coats

Children attending Edendork P.S. are encouraged to wear plain, unbranded coats throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to clearly label these with the child's name.

Rationale

Key rationales for school uniforms include *(Gov UK)*:

- **Promotes Equality and Reduces Bullying:** Uniforms act as a social leveler, preventing children from being judged or bullied for their clothing choices. This ensures a more inclusive environment, especially for pupils from varying socioeconomic backgrounds.

- **Encourages a Sense of Belonging:** Wearing a uniform fosters school spirit, pride, and unity, similar to being part of a team. It helps children feel part of a community.
- **Enhances Safety and Security:** Uniforms make it easier for staff to identify students, which is crucial for monitoring safety on school grounds and during field trips.
- **Improves Focus and Behaviour:** By eliminating fashion-related distractions, uniforms help students focus on their studies. They can encourage a more disciplined, work-oriented mindset in the classroom.
- **Simplifies Life for Parents:** Uniforms streamline morning routines, saving time and stress on choosing outfits. They can also be more economical and durable than daily, fashion-driven clothes.
- **Fosters a Positive Learning Environment:** Uniforms contribute to a professional atmosphere, signalling that school is a place for learning.

The uniform for Edendork P.S. is designed for affordability, practicality and we make every effort to ensure that items of uniform are easily available to all. We urge parents to always ensure their child is in full uniform, as not only does this demonstrate support for school policy and procedures, but it also ensures uniformity amongst ALL the children.

Suppliers

Suppliers of items of school uniform (sweatshirt & polo shirt) which have the Edendork P.S. school logo, are available from:

- Kelly's Drapery 38 Irish Street, Dungannon
- Lineside Fashions (NO.5), Lineside Coalisland
- Dapper Main Street Coalisland
- Uniformsni Jill Compton 21 Drumaspil Road Killyman.
- Online via www.myclothing.com

The School Jersey can be purchased, at a very competitive price, from: www.rolo-sports.com

Unbranded/no logo items (jogging bottoms/skirts/shorts/gingham dress/spare polo shirts, plain white T-shirts) are available to buy from most high street clothing stores/supermarkets eg. Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer, Dunnes Stores.

Support

To ensure equality of **access and well being**, no pupil at Edendork is disadvantaged due to uniform cost. Edendork P.S. has a bank of "preloved uniforms" which are free and easily accessible to parents/pupils. These are available at the main entrance of the school throughout the school year. The school also utilises the resources of local charities eg. SVDP and Children in Need to provide families with support.

Adjustments

In accordance to individual need, reasonable adjustments are made to Edendork P.S. uniform expectations to accommodate a child with a disability and/or a medical and/or a physical or sensory need(s).

Consultation

Parents, pupils, staff and governors are consulted with before changes to the school uniform are made.

Review

In accordance with guidelines, this policy will be reviewed every three years, with an affordability check taking place annually.

Publication

Edendork P.S. Uniform Policy and related information will be published on the school website: www.edendorkps.com

Approval

	Date	Signature
Ratification		
Next consultation/review date:		