



## **CLOTHING AND UNIFORM**

It is the policy of the school to strongly encourage the wearing of school uniform at all times. Apart from strengthening your child's identity with the school, the uniform helps instil an expectation that school is about effort and pride in achievement. A copy of the school uniform policy is available in Appendix 6.

The Education Committee recommended at its meeting of 21 August 1997 that:

"The adoption of a distinctive dress code chosen to enhance the ethos of the school should be encouraged in all schools". Given that there is substantial parental and public approval of uniform, schools in Argyll and Bute are free to encourage the wearing of school uniform. In encouraging the wearing of uniform, account must be taken in any proposal to prevent any direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race or gender. Any proposals will be subject to widespread consultation with parents and carers and pupils. Against this background it should be noted that it is policy not to insist on pupils wearing uniform or having specialist items of clothing as a prerequisite to their attending and engaging in all activities of the curriculum.

There are forms of dress which are unacceptable in school, such as items of clothing which:

- Potentially, encourage faction (such as football colours)
- Could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans)
- Could cause health and safety difficulties (such as the wearing of jewellery during P.E.)
- Are made from flammable materials (such as shell suits in practical classes)
- Could cause damage to flooring
- Carry advertising, particularly for alcohol or tobacco
- Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils or be used by others to do so.

Under no circumstances will pupils be deprived of any educational benefit as a result of not wearing uniform.

Parents and carers receiving income support, income based job seekers allowance, council tax rebate, housing benefit or working tax credit (subject to entitlement) will normally be entitled to monetary grants for footwear and clothing for their children. Approval for any such requests is at the discretion of the director of community services. Information and application forms may be obtained from schools and from the area office.

With regard to the loss of pupils' clothing and/or personal belongings, parents and carers are asked to assist by ensuring that valuable items and unnecessarily expensive items of clothing are not brought to school. Parents and carers should note that the authority does not carry insurance to cover the loss of such items and any claims submitted are likely to be met only where the authority can be shown to be negligent.

Jewellery, watches, belts with metal buckles, etc. may cause injury to the wearer or others taking part in PE and they must therefore be removed. Jewellery worn as a result of body piercing must be such that removal is possible and easily undertaken. It is absolutely essential that children comply with this instruction to avoid unnecessary injury, or cause injury to others.

## School Uniform

- BOYS: P1-6 Yellow Polo Shirt, Blue Sweatshirt, Grey Trousers and Black Shoes  
P7 White Shirt, School Tie, Grey Trousers and Black Shoes. A plain, royal blue, v-neck sweater may also be worn.
- GIRLS: P1-6 Yellow Polo Shirt, Blue Sweatshirt, Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore and black shoes. A blue and white summer dress may be worn in warmer weather.  
P7 White Shirt/Blouse, School Tie, Grey Trousers/Skirt and Black Shoes. A plain, royal blue, v-neck sweater or cardigan may also be worn.
- PE KIT: T-shirt and gym shoes in a bag with pupil's name

It is also helpful for children to have an old shirt to use as a painting shirt.

John Logie Baird uniform is available for direct purchase from:

Smiths School Uniform  
36 West Blackhall Street  
GREENOCK PA15 1UU

Tel: 01475 888555

Website: [www.schooluniformscotland.com](http://www.schooluniformscotland.com)

All clothing brought to school should be labelled or marked in some way, as it is difficult for children to distinguish their own clothing from others.

### School Clothing Grants

Parents or carers who have a child under 16 attending an Argyll & Bute school and receive any of the following qualify for a School Clothing Grant:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit, and where household income is less than £15,860 (in 2012/13 as assessed by the Inland Revenue)
- Support provided under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Pupils aged between 16 and 18 years who receive any of the above benefits in their own right also qualify.

Entitlement to Clothing Grants is assessed as part of the application process for [Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit](#) and you should complete an application form which is available at your [local benefit enquiry office](#) or by telephoning 01369 708548 or FREEPHONE 0800 252056 (mobiles may be charged).

However, if you are not eligible for these benefits there is a separate application process available and you should contact any of the telephone numbers above for details.

Please see [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-clothing-grant](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-clothing-grant) for more information on School Clothing Grants.