
POLICY ON SCHOOL UNIFORM

The purpose of this document is to define the school uniform policy at Ardtornish Primary School.

1.1. BACKGROUND

1.1.1. Introduction

Ardtornish Primary School has always strongly encouraged its students to wear the appropriate school uniform. Reasons for the Ardtornish school uniform policy include:

- Equitable and affordable
- Helps promote school identity and pride
- Presents good impression to the public and school visitors
- For safety – helps to identify Ardtornish students whilst on school grounds and on excursions.
- Practical and safe for school activities including physical exercise.

For school outings in particular this is strongly enforced not only because our students are on display but more importantly due to safety reasons as our students are easily recognisable.

Amendments to the Regulations under the Education Act were introduced which in part state:

- That as from 27/1/94, Governing Councils have the right to determine the school dress policy.
- The Principal must enforce the dress policy of the school and may take appropriate action in relation to wilful and persistent breach of the dress code.
- Parents have the right to request exemption. (See 1.2.7.)

1.1.2. Parental Support

A most comprehensive parental survey was conducted late in the 1995 school year.

The overwhelming 99.5% of parents supported having either a formal uniform (9.5%) or dress/colour code (90%)

This policy has been approved by Governing Council (which has a majority of parent members).

1.2. DRESS CODE UNIFORM POLICY

All students are required to wear the correct uniform/dress code at all times

- Commercial logos, and stripes are not acceptable on pants, shorts or tops
- No Makeup
- Only studs or sleepers may be worn by students with pierced ears and no other jewellery apart from a watch
- No nail polish, fake nails
- No snap pants
- Jackets and scarves are not to be worn in class.
- Team jackets/uniform for a sport, dance etc. are not to be worn except on the day of competition/event.
- No denim
- Headwear (clips, bands, scrunchies) need to be plain and in school colours

1.2.1. SCHOOL COLOURS

School colours will be

- Red and navy blue, i.e., red tops and blue bottoms. In Year 7 the dress code will include navy blue school tops.
- School logo on all tops is strongly recommended.

1.2.2. GIRLS UNIFORM

SUMMER

- Lacoste style Polo shirt (red with two thin blue stripes around the edge of the collar) or plain red T-shirt.
- Navy pleated skirts or skorts (sports skirts available from K-Mart or Target)
- Navy shorts (long and baggy, similar in length to basketball shorts) plain or with “APS” embroidered on leg - knee length.
- Blue & White with fine red line check dress (Whitefriars Fabric). Samples will be available in the front office for sizing and orders can be taken, with delivery time of 8-10 days. Blue and white check ready made uniform from various stores is also acceptable.

WINTER

- Red long sleeve plain skivvy
- Long sleeve red crew neck windcheater plain and double stitched all round.
- Long sleeve red ‘Snotop’ style windcheater plain or with ARDTORNISH embroidered on chest (Year 7s have a navy blue top)
- Navy pants (plain)
- Navy tunic to be worn with red long sleeved skivvy

1.2.3. BOYS UNIFORM

SUMMER

- Navy shorts (long and baggy, similar in length to basketball shorts) plain or with “APS” embroidered on leg - knee length.
- Lacoste style Polo shirt (red with two thin blue stripes around the edge of the collar) or plain red T-shirt.

WINTER

- Red long sleeve plain skivvy
- Long sleeve red crew neck windcheater plain and double stitched all round.
- Long sleeve red ‘Snotop’ style windcheater plain or with ARDTORNISH embroidered on chest (Year 7s have a navy blue top)
- Navy pants (plain)

1.2.4. SHOES are as follows for girls and boys

- Plain sandals (summer)
- Plain school shoes
- Sneakers (with minimum of colours)
- No thongs, slip-ons, high heels or platforms
- Flat soled ankle boots are acceptable in brown, black or navy

1.2.5. HATS

Ardtornish Primary School follows the Cancer Council's recommendations for maximum sun-protection and offers hats in 2 styles.

- Navy legionnaire cap
- Navy bucket hat with APS embroidered

All students are required to wear a hat for outdoor activities throughout the year.

1.2.6. YEAR 7

Students have the option of a senior windcheater in navy blue with the possible inclusion of a list of names of current Year 7 students on the back. La-Coste style polo shirts in reversed school colours are also available.

1.2.7. EXEMPTIONS

The Principal may exempt students for an agreed period of time from the dress code upon written request from parents. Grounds for exemption which may be considered include:

- Religious, cultural or ethnic
- New or itinerant students
- Financial hardship
- Medical reasons
- Any other grounds as the Governing Council may determine.

1.2.8. DRESS FOR CIVVIES DAY

- No jewellery, as per this policy
- A hat must be worn outside (but need not be a school hat)
- Sensible Footwear as per this policy
- Clothes should not be revealing or offensive - neckline, shoulders and midriffs covered, no offensive wording.

<p>WE ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF UNIFORM IN STOCK AT ALL TIMES Ardtornish school bags, hats, Lacoste t-shirts, shorts, trackpants and Ardtornish windcheaters</p>

Approved by the Governing Council 7th August 2006