



# YEAR 7 TO 11 UNIFORM POLICY

St. Ninian's High School

Scoil Ard Noo Ninian

*"Empowering our students to be self-motivated and confident young people who have **respect** for others and clear **aspirations** for their future success"*

## **Purpose**

As a school we firmly believe that our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our ethos, setting an appropriate tone which supports effective teaching and learning, and therefore we want all students to wear a specified uniform.

### **1. Uniforms help create a powerful school ethos**

Having students all wear the same uniform develops a 'team' feel, reminding everyone that they're all part of the same community and are one big team.

### **2. Uniforms help ensure high standards of behaviour**

There is increasing evidence that schools that have a smart uniform also have excellent behaviour.

### **3. Uniforms help prepare students for future careers**

We believe that the world of work should be central to all our practice. Many professions require adults to wear a uniform, or a suit, so wearing a uniform to school is good preparation for the working world.

### **4. Uniforms improve results**

Despite there being a lack of definitive evidence nationally, we believe that when students put on their school uniform, it puts them in the learning frame of mind.

## **AIMS**

- To support teaching and learning.
- To encourage pride in the school.
- To promote equality and cohesion.
- To protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- To maintain a safe learning environment.

## **Jewellery**

Ideally no jewellery will be worn, but is limited to:

- A watch (Fitbit or similar)
- A pair of plain stud earrings
- A ring
- A single fine plain neck-chain
- A single fine plain bracelet

Whilst ears may be pierced and appropriate studs worn, studs or rings elsewhere on the body constitute a Health and Safety risk and should not be worn.

Students are expected to remove any jewellery during activities when it might constitute a risk to the health and safety of a student, member of staff or guests in the school.

## **Headphones**

Headphones (including ear buds and wireless versions) should not be worn whilst moving around the school. They can be worn whilst sitting in social areas during breaks and lunchtimes and if required/allowed in lessons.

## **Makeup**

Minimal and natural looking makeup is allowed, but not encouraged.

## **Nail Polish**

Only clear colourless nail polish may be worn. Acrylic false nails or reinforced nail polish (gel, shellac or similar finishes) are not allowed.

## **Hair**

Hairstyles should not be extreme. Hair may be coloured in natural shades/tones but no creative block or contrasting/vivid colours. If in doubt, please contact the school in advance. Hair accessories must be discrete.

## **Uniform**

- White shirt or blouse with shirt collar and school tie
- Grey or black tailored full length trousers\* or a pleated skirt of appropriate length\*\*. Short, tight skirts are not appropriate for school.
- Or grey tailored shorts (length above the knee, no shorter or longer)
- Black blazer with logo.
- Grey crested school jumper (optional with blazer - not instead of a blazer).



- Plain black, grey or white socks or plain black, grey or flesh coloured tights.
- Plain black footwear (no coloured logos, flashes, laces, tabs, ankle straps, metal or coloured trimmings).
- Outdoor coats are not permitted to be worn in the school building.

**Games/P.E. Kit - all items must be a change from school uniform**

- Short sleeved plain red t-shirt or polo shirt
- School red/blue games top (football/rugby)
- Plain red hooded top (outdoor)
- Plain royal blue shorts or plain royal blue skort
- Short white socks (PE)
- Long royal blue socks (Games)
- Clean training shoes
- Astro shoes or moulded boots
- Towel

The only items of school uniform that must have the school badge/logo are the school blazer and the optional school jumper. Badges can be purchased from the School Offices.

School logos on PE/Games kit is optional.

Branded PE and Games kit can be purchased locally from:

- Promenade T Shirts (Queens Promenade, Douglas, hooded tops only)
- Intersport, 47 Strand Street, Douglas

**Procedures in terms of non-compliance**

The standards we have set out are an attempt to achieve the outlined aims above. They have been set in an attempt to strike a balance between common sense and enforceability.

\* Not skinny fit, no flares or combats, jogger trousers, denim, leggings, slits, or studs.

\*\*Fashions change and interpretations can be subjective, where a judgement call is required (for example “natural”, “extreme” or “discrete”) the Head of Year will make a decision in consultation with the senior leadership team.

Students who do not meet the standards will be asked to make the necessary changes in an appropriate time frame.

Non-compliance will be processed through our Ready to Learn policy.

If non compliance constitutes a health and safety risk a student will be removed from an activity, lesson, or general circulation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and/or guests to the school.

Any student not meeting the standards of uniform may be asked to go home and change.