



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

It is our policy that all pupils should wear school uniform when attending Maghaberry Primary School, or when participating in a school-organised event both inside and outside normal school hours.

Our school uniform is a visual representation of our school family. It promotes a strong, cohesive identity, supports high standards of behaviour, and ensures that all children feel equal to their peers. Furthermore, it assists staff in identifying our pupils quickly, ensuring a high level of security and safety.

In Maghaberry Primary School and Nursery Unit, our policy is guided by a few key factors, such as:

- **Equality:** We ensure that our uniform is equitable to all children.
- **Community:** Wearing the Maghaberry colours fosters a sense of belonging and pride, reminding pupils they are part of a wider supportive family.
- **Inclusion:** We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to support pupils with specific needs, ensuring every child is accepted and valued for who they are.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging.
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind.
- Eliminate the distractions of "fashion clothes" in the classroom.
- Provides good value for money for parents.
- Complies with statutory Department of Education guidelines.

Affordability and Suppliers

We believe that extensive branding is not necessary for an inclusive environment. While the sweatshirt and polo shirt require the logo, other items (trousers, skirts, shorts) are generic and can be purchased across a wide variety online and high street suppliers.

High Street Suppliers: We encourage parents to consider purchasing generic uniform items (without the school logo) from high-street or online suppliers.

Official Logo Suppliers (as of Spring 2026):

- McCalls of Lisburn
- School Trends (Online) - <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>

School Uniform Requirements and Cost (May 2026)

Nursery to Primary 2

Designed for comfort and ease of movement during active early years learning:

- **Jade Sweatshirt:** Must carry the school logo.
- **White Polo Shirt:** Must carry the school logo.
- **Navy Jogging Bottoms:** with logo or generic from high street suppliers
- **Footwear: Plain trainers with velcro fastening** (not shoes).
- **Wellies:** To be kept in school for outdoor learning.
- **Summer Options:** Jade gingham dress. Grey shorts. Available from high street suppliers.

Nursery to Primary 2	McCalls of Lisburn	School Trends (online)	High Street Suppliers
Jade Sweater with logo	£15.99	£11.90	-
White Polo Shirt with logo	£11.99	£8.55	-
Navy Jogging Bottoms	£16.99	£12.45	£8 -£10 (2 pack)
Black Trainers with Velcro (not shoes)	£10.99	-	£12-£20
Jade Gingham Dress (Summer option)	£21.99	-	£10-£14 (2 pack)
Grey Shorts (Summer option)	£15.99	-	£5 - £8 (2 pack)
Wellie Boots	-	-	£5-£23
¼ Zip Long Sleeve PE Top (optional)	£29.99	-	-
Navy track bottoms with logo (optional)	£26.99	-	-

* sample prices from Asda and Tesco (May 2026)

Primary 3 to Primary 7 (Normal School Day)

- **Jade Sweatshirt:** with the school logo.
- **White Polo Shirt:** with the school logo.
- **Trousers/Skirt:** Standard school grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore with grey tights or white socks.
- **Footwear:** Plain **black school shoes** (trainers are not permitted for normal school days). High heels, sandals or platform soles are not permitted for safety reasons.
- **Summer Options:** Jade gingham dress. Grey shorts. Available from high street suppliers.

P3 to P7 pupils should wear their PE kit to school on PE days (see below).

In the Summer Term P7 pupils are permitted to wear their leavers hoodies to school.

Primary 3 to Primary 7 (Normal School Day)	McCalls of Lisburn	School Trends (online)	High Street Suppliers*
Jade Sweater with logo	£15.99	£11.90	-
White Polo Shirt with logo	£11.99	£8.55	-
Standard school grey trousers	£17.99 - £18.99	-	£6 - £10 (2 pack)
Standard school grey skirt	£14.99 - £21.99	-	£7 - £11 (2 pack)
Standard school grey pinafore	£16.99	-	£9-£11 (2 pack)
Grey tights	-	-	£6 - £7 (3 pack)
White socks	-	-	£2.50 - £5 (5 pack)
Plain black school shoes	£30-£59	-	£14-£35
Jade Gingham Dress (Summer option)	£21.99	-	£10-£14 (2 pack)
Grey Shorts (Summer option)	£15.99	-	£5 - £8 (2 pack)

* sample prices from Asda and Tesco (May 2026)

Physical Education Uniform

P.E. is a compulsory part of the curriculum. For health and safety, pupils must be dressed comfortably and appropriately. **P3 to P7 pupils** should come to school wearing their P.E. kit only on designated days:

- **P.E. T-Shirt:** Plain White T-Shirt (no logo).
- **Navy Bottoms:** Navy tracksuit bottoms (logo optional), navy shorts, or navy skirt/leggings.
- **Navy Tracksuit Top with logo:** this is optional. School sweatshirts may be worn instead.
- **Footwear:** Suitable trainers.
- **Safety Note:** Long hair should be tied back for activities such as gymnastics or swimming. Stud earrings may need to be removed for some PE activities.

Physical Education Uniform	McCalls of Lisburn	School Trends (online)	High Street Suppliers*
Plain White T-Shirt	£3.99-£5.99	-	£5-£12 (5 pack)
Navy Tracksuit Bottoms	£16.99	-	£8 -£10 (2 pack)
Navy Shorts	£8.99	-	£4-£5 (2 pack)
Navy Skort	£18.99	£10.65	£7 -£9 (2 pack)
Navy/Black Leggings	-	-	£8-£9 (3 pack)
White socks	-	-	£2.50 - £5 (5 pack)
Trainers* (varies, Asda and tesco prices listed)	-		£8-£36
¼ Zip Long Sleeve PE Top (optional)	£29.99	-	-
Navy track bottoms with logo (optional)	£26.99	-	-

* sample prices from Asda and Tesco (May 2026)

The core required items for P.E. are generic and affordable, but this policy includes optional items to provide families with an option for branded school sportswear and fosters enhanced school identity. This balance recognises parent feedback that the optional nature of these items is appreciated, maintaining the school's commitment to ensuring the core uniform requirements remain equitable while offering parental choice.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- **Jewellery:** For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted. The only exception is plain stud earrings. However, these may need to be removed for some PE activities.
- **Watches:** Standard watches are permitted but may need to be removed for certain activities. Smartwatches with communication or camera capabilities are not permitted.
- **Make-Up:** The wearing of make-up or hair dye is deemed inappropriate for primary-aged pupils and is not permitted.

SEND and Reasonable Adjustments

Maghaberry Primary School and Nursery Unit recognises that some pupils may require adjustments to the uniform policy due to sensory processing needs, medical diagnoses, or specific disabilities. Any variations should be discussed and agreed upon with the Principal and

the Learning Support Co-ordinator..

Uniform/PE Uniform Grant

Financial assistance is available for school uniform and PE uniform through the Education Authority for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools. Further details are available from the Education Authority. Visit www.eani.org.uk (in the search bar, type 'Uniform Grant').

Uniform Bank

Each year the school/PTA offer an opportunity for parents to donate "pre-loved" uniform items which are made available to parents in the late summer term for a small voluntary donation. The school also signposts parents to local organisations, such as Hope Church, that operate local school uniform banks/exchanges, usually in the summer term or over the summer holidays.

Pupil and Parent Voice

This policy is developed through consultation with staff, governors, parents, and the School Council. We value "Pupil Voice" and "Parent Voice" in our review process.

The **pupils surveyed** from our School Council (representing all pupils) value the uniform because it provides a strong identity, helping people know where students come from, and makes them look smart. Students find the uniforms comfortable and practical, appreciating the flexibility of having different options for the PE kit. The council also highlighted specific items, noting that hoodies are a special part of the P7 uniform and that the jumpers are liked because they evoke a feeling of being outside. Finally, the students understand and support the policy against wearing jewellery, recognising that it can be a safety risk, lost, or broken.

Feedback from our **parent surveys** demonstrate that parents at Maghaberry Primary School are overwhelmingly supportive of the school uniform, with over 96% agreeing that it fosters a strong sense of pride and belonging. Most respondents view the current policy as fair and inclusive; however, this positive sentiment is balanced by some concerns regarding the rising costs of items with the school logo. While many appreciate that certain PE items remain optional, a number feel these items still create financial pressure. Parents have identified several areas for improvement, specifically calling for better quality control on fabrics that "bobble" or rip easily, more flexible sizing options, and a reduction in mandatory logos on items like polo shirts and PE kits to make the uniform more affordable for all families.

Role of Parents and Governors

- **Parents:** We ask for parental support in ensuring children arrive in the correct, clean, and labelled uniform.
- **Governors:** The Board of Governors monitors this policy to ensure it meets equal opportunity regulations and remains practical and affordable.

School Uniform Overview

Nursery to Primary 2



White polo shirt with logo

Navy jogging bottoms

Jade sweatshirt with logo

Black velcro trainers (not shoes)

Wellies (to be kept in school)

Jade gingham dress / grey shorts - summer term options



Primary 3 to Primary 7



White polo shirt with logo

Jade sweatshirt with logo

Black shoes (not trainers)

Grey school trousers

Grey skirt/pinafore with grey tights or white socks

Jade gingham dress / grey shorts - summer term options



SCHOOL P.E. KIT (this is worn to school on P.E. days in P3 to P7)

P.E. T-shirt (white), Navy tracksuit bottoms/Navy shorts, skort or leggings, Navy tracksuit top with logo (optional), white socks and trainers.

Suppliers - Uniforms can be purchased from McCalls in Lisburn or schooltrends.co.uk . We would encourage parents to consider purchasing those generic uniform items, without the school logo, from high street suppliers.