



## Uniform Policy

### Policy Rationale

The Castletown Primary School Board has established a dress code for all students. Acceptance of enrolment assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the dress code.

The School Board supports the wearing of school uniform and believes that the school dress code is important as it;

- Promotes and displays pride in the school and community,
- Fosters respect for school and self,
- Creates equality,
- Addresses health and safety issues.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH**

School colours are red and black and the school tartan is "Stewart" Tartan.

Students are strongly encouraged to wear the school uniform at all times, as agreed through the School Board. The school Board takes into account affordability when deciding on the school dress code. Second-hand uniforms are available. Students whose families may experience financial difficulty regarding the purchasing of a school uniform should contact the Principal to discuss the situation.

- All clothes worn to school should be clean, safe and appropriate for school activities.
- Stud or sleeper earrings may be worn, but not dangling earrings. Loose neck chains, which may pose a risk of strangulation, should not be worn. Cultural and religious items of jewellery can be worn with permission from the Principal.
- Students with hair touching the shoulder are encouraged to have it tied back neatly. This is for health and safety reasons, to prevent the spread of head lice at school etc.
- Students need to meet the dress code to attend official school activities such as excursions, camps and sporting events.

### **DRESS CODE**

#### **Regular Dress Code:**

Red Polo Shirt

Faction Coloured Polo Shirt

Sports Jacket

Zip Front Cardigan or Jumper

Black Shorts

Black Skorts

Black Pants

Red (Stewart) Tartan Skirt

Black tights (to be worn under skirt only)

Black Bike Shorts (to be worn under skirt only)

Black Wide Brimmed Hat

It is preferred that non-school logos/branding are not visible on black uniform items.

**Faction colours are:**

Success: Red

Challenger: Blue

Cygnets: Gold

Parmelia: Green

**Formal Dress Code**

Red Polo Shirt

Sports Jacket

Red (Stewart) Tartan Skirt with black stockings (Stockings not compulsory if weather is above 30 degrees)

Black Pants with no visible brand logos.

Black Shoes (no other colour)

Black wide brimmed hat with School Logo (Outdoor events only)

**Footwear**

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Students are required to wear fully enclosed cross trainers or running shoes. Sandals may be worn in summer months. The Formal Uniform requires Black Shoes (no other colour).

**Hats**

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In accordance with the Castletown Primary School Sunsmart Policy and Department of Education Best Practice Guidelines;

- Broad-brimmed or bucket hat that protects the face, neck, ears and crown of the head when outside. Caps are not sun protective and are not be permitted.
- A black wide brimmed hat with Castletown Primary School logo is required for formal events outside when the UV index is forecast to be 3 or above.

**Personal Items**

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Students are not permitted to bring items of value from home, as:

- The school is not able to take responsibility for loss or damage of them,
- To promote equality amongst students while at school,
- Ensures teachers are not managing disputes between students over personal items.

## **Lost Property**

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All items should be clearly labelled with student names to enable it to be returned. Unclaimed “Lost Property” will be available for purchase if un-claimed after 3 months. The lost property basket is located in the under-cover Canteen area.

## **Sustainability**

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Schools can be a powerful force in driving change towards sustainability within our communities. Castletown Primary School is committed reducing waste and having a positive impact on our environment now and for the future. With this in mind, students and families are encouraged to “upcycle” their school uniforms, with second-hand items available for purchase.

## **Process for Changes to the Uniform**

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It is the role of the School Board to determine the school uniform. The Board is conscious of the financial and logistical implications of a change.

1. Requests for change to the current uniform should be made in writing to the Board, including full details of why the uniform should be changed.
2. A Board sub-committee will be formed.
3. Sub-committee will liaise with Principal, uniform suppliers, P&C and Parents of the school seeking information and giving all parties the opportunity to speak for or against the proposed change.
4. Sub-committee will put forward a summary of all relevant information along with a recommendation to the Board in the form of a motion.
5. The motion will be voted on by the Board.

If changes are made to the current uniform, there will be a roll out process which is communicated to Students and Parents and implemented over a time period which considers the financial and environmental impacts of the change.

Policy Document Approved by Board

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