PRIMATE DIXON PS, COALISLAND – SCHOOL UNIFORM

Primate Dixon school colours are navy and green.

Uniform consists of:

For girls: navy trousers, skirt or pinafore, green polo shirt, navy sweatshirt or cardigan

For boys: navy trousers, green polo shirt and navy sweatshirt

Navy sweatshirts and cardigans have Primate Dixon school logo.



Some polo shirts have school logos, others are plain, both are fine - **parents choose whichever polo shirt they wish.**

A navy coat/fleece with school logo is available for both girls and boys, if parents wish.
It is important to note that the fleece is **not** part of school uniform.
Parents will choose fleeces/coats/outerwear for children as best suits them.

SHOES

For safety reasons, children should not wear shoes with heels that make playing, running, PE and getting on and off buses potentially dangerous.

For PE children must wear footwear that is safe and suitable for use in the hall.
For reasons of safety children cannot take part in some activities in unsuitable footwear.

Shoes do not need to be black, parents will choose shoes as best suits them.

PUPIL NAMES

We ask parents to make sure that clothing items are **very clearly marked with names**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

We would like to do all we can to continue to promote and encourage the wearing of school uniform.

We believe that school uniform

- encourages our pupils to have a sense of pride in their school
- encourages our pupils to have a sense of identity and belonging with each other
- supports positive behaviour and self-discipline
- helps to protect children and their families from financial and social pressures to dress in a particular way or with expensive branded clothing
- supports effective teaching and learning.

We also believe that school uniform School uniform supports our core school values:

Every child is welcome!

Every child belongs!

And that every child is more than good enough!

UNIFORM COSTS & SUPPORT

It is very important that costs of school of uniform are kept as low as possible.

- **School uniform items are available from a number of suppliers.**
- **The only essential uniform that needs to be bought from a uniform supplier is the school sweatshirt with school logo (or girl's cardigan if parents prefer).**
- **The green polo shirt worn by pupils may or may not have the school logo - parents make their choice of green polo shirt.**
- **We urge parents not to purchase expensive prominently-branded trousers for uniform.**

Financial support for buying school uniform is available in some circumstances. Detailed information and application forms for uniform support and school meals are available from:

Primate Dixon PS website: http://www.primatedixonpscoalisland.org/
(go into the Parent/Uniform Information link for this)

Education Authority website: http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/howtoapply/

NO UNIFORM? NO WORRY!

There will be occasions for every child when uniform is not available - loss, damage, in the wash, etc.
Children should not be anxious or worried about this. Children should be encouraged to simply mention this to their teacher. Phone contact from parents is very welcome.

Most importantly, children should never be anxious about coming into school for this or any other reason.

BE SAFE – BE VISIBLE DURING WINTER

We are very conscious that our uniform is predominantly dark in colour.

It is very important that children are easily visible through darker times of the year on their way to and from school. We ask parents to ensure that reflective strips, badges, buttons etc are added to children's clothing and school bags through winter months.

If you have any comments or questions relating to this school uniform or any other aspect of school, please do not hesitate to contact us. **Your view is welcome!**