

CARNDONAGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL Uniform Policy:

Rationale: The Reasoning behind the School Uniform:

1. Makes all pupils equal and creates a clear school identity.
2. Reduces expense to parents of regularly having to purchase clothes for their children - often at the dictate of fashion.
3. Pupils can clearly be distinguished from intruders and makes the school a safer environment for all.
4. Represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of C.C.S.
5. Establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image the school wishes to present.
6. Reinforces a pride among the pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities

The Uniform offers a range of choice while trying to minimise cost.

- (i) **School Jumper / Cardigan with School Crest. Light Blue shirt:** Parents can choose where to purchase. *School crests are available to purchase from the Bookshop.*
- (ii) **Grey (Charcoal) trousers / Slacks / Skirt:** Parents can choose where to purchase. Leggings / Jeggings not acceptable. Skirt material consistent with trousers.
- (iii) **Black Shoes:** Regular Sole Shoes - **No Runners.**
- (iv) **Choice of School Jacket or School Blazer** with crest purchased from school. Pupils on representative roles for the school should invest in a school blazer. (If not wearing a school jacket / blazer, **a non-descript, non-fashion statement dark blue jacket will be accepted**) School Half-Zip is available for pupils representing the school at Sports.
- (v) The school does not insist on specific school PE / Sports gear.**
- (vi) Due to discipline and security issues the Board has banned the wearing of ' Hoodie' jackets for all pupils.

Pupils will not be admitted to class in jeans.

Pupils are expected to adhere to the full school uniform as defined in the School Journal: the school uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held.

Notwithstanding genuine reasons, note or telephone call to confirm reasons why a pupil is not in uniform, the school will operate a standard supervised detention at lunchtime for pupils not co-operating with full uniform. Pupils may do homework or study during this time.

Pupils who have a genuine reason for being out of uniform should bring a letter signed by a parent/guardian to the teacher in charge of uniform. This must be done first thing in the morning **before 9.00a.m.** School Jersey / Trousers will be offered to pupils presenting out of uniform. Persistent disregard for uniform will be addressed through the Code of Behaviour and the Board will deal with pupils refusing to co-operate with the policy.

At the meeting of the Board of 2nd December 2016, the Board considered issues relating to the school uniform. The Board agreed that clarification was needed and the definition of school trousers would exclude leggings, jeggings, and that skirts would have to be of material consistent with trousers and be a required length. Blue Cardigan with School Crest would be acceptable as an alternative to the school Jumper with Crest.

Approved by the Board of Management at the meeting of 7th December 2017