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**Clydebank High School**  
**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**  
**PP3.6 : School Uniform Policy**



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## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### Basic Principle

All Clydebank High School pupils are expected to wear school uniform, every school day.

### The Uniform

Following the School Board's consultation with parents on school uniform, the following list can act as a practical guide to the School's expectations.

	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
1	<u>White</u> shirt/blouse/polo shirt	Other colours
2	School tie	No school tie
3	<u>Plain black</u> top	Large logos which dominate the sweater  Tracksuit/shellsuit tops  Denim  Football colours/anti-religious or political slogans/advertising of any kind
4	Black trousers/skirt	Tracksuit/shellsuit trousers  Jeans
5	Black shoes, trainers	Anything which could cause damage to flooring
6		Generally anything which could cause health and safety difficulties, eg loose fitting clothing, necklaces, dangling earrings, or could inflict damage on others e.g. multi-fingered rings
7		Fashion accessories such as brightly coloured belts, tops, leggings, boots; low cut tops

All basic items can be purchased locally. In addition the school stocks a supply of ties, £3.00 each (senior ties £5.00 each).

### Insistence on uniform

The following statements made by West Dunbartonshire Council support the school's insistence that all pupils must come to school wearing the correct uniform as stipulated above.

- "Pupils attending schools within West Dunbartonshire are required to wear a school uniform"
- "West Dunbartonshire Council supports all authority schools in introducing a whole-school policy on uniform with which all pupils are expected to comply"

## APPENDIX

### Why Clydebank High School supports the wearing of school uniform:

Following the policy adopted by our local council, we believe that there are a number of good, commonsense reasons why our pupils should wear school uniform. They include:

- 1 **Dressing for the occasion:** One of the lessons learned while growing up is that people dress differently for work and for leisure. We ask our pupils to leave their leisurewear and sports gear for the evenings and weekends and to dress suitably for their work as students at the school. When they start work, most pupils will be asked to wear clothing specially suited to the job. Often employers send for a reference on former pupils and ask about their appearance (which is ranked as important as attendance and timekeeping).
- 2 **Reducing differences:** Although some parents can afford to buy their children the latest in casual or sportswear, many cannot. If all of our pupils come to school in schoolwear, these differences are much less obvious. Uniform gives pupils an equality of appearance which discourages competition. As you know, the local council operates a system of clothing grants to help some parents with the purchase of clothing and footwear for school. Application forms may be submitted once per year and can be obtained from the school. Please note – these grants are not intended for the purchase of leisurewear or sportswear!
- 3 **Cost:** It costs less to buy items of schoolwear than to buy the latest fashion in casual or sportswear.
- 4 **A sense of belonging:** Clydebank High School is a large school with a long and proud tradition. We think that dressing in school colours helps pupils to feel that they belong to the school and to think and act like students. In addition, school uniform encourages school discipline and a more positive attitude towards work amongst pupils.
- 5 **Security:** If all of our pupils wear uniform, it is much easier to spot “intruders” quickly. The provision of a safe environment for our young people must be a priority for us all.
- 6 **School reputation:** Rightly or wrongly, the public judge our school to some extent by the appearance of our pupils. We are anxious that we create a good impression and that our pupils (and their parents!) receive the credit that they deserve.

### What will happen if a pupil wears “unacceptable” clothing to school?

It is the responsibility of all staff to challenge pupils who are not wearing school uniform. This applies at all times throughout the day.

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On a more formal basis checks are carried out every morning and afternoon by register teachers. Pupils found wearing unacceptable items during such a check (or indeed noticed at any time) will be:

- reminded of the need for cooperation
- asked to report next day wearing acceptable clothes.

A letter (Uniform Letter 1) will be sent home.

Continuing lack of cooperation will lead to the above + :

- a further letter (Uniform Letter 2) being sent home to request the support of parents and to offer the school's support and advice.

If this fails to resolve the difficulty, the Head Teacher will:

- ask the parents to telephone the school to discuss how they can support their child and the school's uniform policy (Uniform Letter 3).

If the non-wearing of uniform persists the Head Teacher will:

- send home Uniform Letter 4
- withdraw privileges such as entry to discos, membership of clubs
- withdraw the pupil from visits outwith school on the grounds of safety and the difficulties involved in identifying a pupil as a member of a school group. This includes Activities Week in June.
- withdraw the pupil from Work Experience in S4

**Any pupil who manages to wear correct school uniform everyday for a month after receiving Letter 4 will automatically have his/her slate wiped clean.**

The following points are also worthy of note:

- A pupil not wearing school uniform may be sent home to change if he/she lives close to the school and a member of the family is at home
- The school distinguishes between the pupil who is deliberately flouting the school dress code, and the pupil who is temporarily not wearing uniform because of temporary financial difficulties at home
- A particularly dim view will be taken of S5/S6 pupils who do not wear school uniform. They have chosen to return to school and are rightly expected to demonstrate a sense of responsibility and set a good example to our younger pupils
- The wearing of full uniform is also part of the Clydebank High Commitment signed by both pupils and their parents.

**How parents/guardians can help:**

- Ensure that your son/daughter comes to school properly dressed each day and buy them, or get them to buy, items of clothing suitable for school.
- If there is a reason on any particular day for your son or daughter not wearing uniform, then simply provide a note explaining the situation.
- We hope that by working together with parents we can provide the highest possible standards at our school.