



# Cookstown High School

## Uniform Policy

November 2012

## Rationale

Research indicates uniform helps with creating a positive school identity, reducing social barriers; creating self esteem and self respect; and a sense of order. Some aspects of the uniform policy relate to Health and Safety concerns.

The school has a lovely uniform. It looks its best when clean and tidy and well looked after. We know that parents and pupils agree with this and the school expects pupils to come to school on proper school uniform. The uniform has very distinct emblems of Cookstown High School. The copyright of these is owned by the School and the School can decide who is entitled to wear these and how it should be worn both in and out of the school grounds.

The school uniform is a key way in which Cookstown High School is presented to the local and wider community. Accordingly school has an interest in how the uniform is worn inside school and outside school. Advice given to parents and guardians upon entry to school clearly states the correct PE uniform. It is expected that pupils will bring the correct items of uniform and wear them in the correct way during PE and games classes and when representing school in a sporting event.

Adherence to our high standards of uniform is regarded as an indicator of positive behaviour. Refusal to adhere to uniform standards will therefore be seen as a refusal to abide by school rules and sanctions will be applied accordingly. Uniform regulations apply to anyone when the uniform is worn outside school at trips or other events.

## Regulations

**Blazer:** As they are so expensive, good care should be taken of the blazer. No writing is permitted on the cuffs or the badge.

**Shoes:** Need to be plain and polished black leather with no fancy buckles or motifs. For safety up and down steps girls must have heels no higher than 5cm. To avoid damage to polished surfaces, narrow, pointed heels must not be worn.

**Skirt:** Worn to the knee.

**Tie:** Not less than 5 buttons in length, done up at the neck, broad side out, not tucked in and with no writing or colouring on it.

**Shirt/Blouse:** Tucked in, sleeves done up, and all buttons and the collar must be done up.

**School Pullover:** V-necked. Sweatshirts/hooded tops or zipped up tracksuit tops must not be worn under the blazer at any time.

**Outdoor Coat:** (see uniform list), all outdoor coats other than the schools official outdoor coat/fleece must be removed in school.

**School Scarf:** (see uniform list), scarves should not be worn in class or in assembly.

**Jewellery:** In school, girls may wear one pair of small earrings, one earring in each ear lobe. Boys may not wear earrings. No other body piercing is permitted. Only one small finger ring and watch are permitted.

**Make up:** No make-up should be worn by pupils in years 8-10. Pupils in senior school may wear discreet foundation and mascara. Other makeup is not permitted. No coloured nail polish.

**Hair Styles:** The school does not permit extreme hairstyles or colours. Pupils are expected to wear their hair in a neat and tidy style; the length of boy's hair should not be below the collar. Boys should be clean shaven.

Some aspects of uniform are subjective and the Board of Governors and School Leadership reserve the right to rule on matters of subjectivity.