

CLOTHING AND UNIFORM



Given that there is a substantial parental and public approval of uniform, schools in South Ayrshire are free to encourage the wearing of school uniform. In encouraging the wearing of uniform, account must be taken in any proposals to prevent any direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race or gender. Any proposals will be the subject of widespread consultation with parents and pupils. Against this background it should be noted that it is the policy of the Educational Services Committee not to insist on pupils wearing uniform or having specialist items of clothing as a prerequisite to their attending and engaging in all of the activities of the curriculum.

There are forms of dress, which are unacceptable in school, such as items of clothing which: -

- potentially, encourage faction (such as football colours);
- could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans);
- could cause health and safety difficulties, such as loose fitting clothing, dangling earrings, are made from flammable material for example shell suits, in practical classes.
- could cause damage to flooring;
- carry advertising, particularly for alcohol or tobacco; and
- could be used to inflict damage on other pupils or be used by others to do so

However:

Barassie Primary School has adopted the following uniform: -

BOYS: Grey or navy trousers, white, grey or blue shirt or pale blue polo shirt, grey or navy jumper or school sweatshirt and a Barassie Primary tie.

GIRLS: Grey or navy skirt, white, grey or blue shirt or pale blue polo shirt, grey or navy jumper or school sweatshirt and a Barassie Primary tie.

P.E. kit for both boys and girls: T shirt/school polo shirt, shorts and gym shoes preferably with light coloured soles.

School ties and blazers are available from local shops. School sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school badge are available through the P.T.A. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

We encourage pupils to wear school uniform. Wearing school uniform not only looks good but it also helps pupils to foster an identity with Barassie Primary. We would ask for the parents support in the wearing of school uniform.

Children of parents or guardians on either Income Support/Income Based Pension Credit, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit only or Support under part VI of the immigration and asylum Act 1999 may be entitled to a Footwear and Clothing Grant and a Free School Meal.

Pupils of parents or guardians in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit may be entitled to the Clothing Grant only.

Information and application forms may be obtained from schools, Area Offices and from Education Culture and Lifelong Learning, County Buildings Ayr.

The Council is concerned at the level of claims being received regarding the loss of pupils' clothing and/or personal belongings. Parents are asked to assist in this area by ensuring that valuable items and unnecessarily expensive items of clothing are not brought to school. Parents should note that the Council does not carry insurance to cover the loss of such items and any claims submitted are likely to be met only where the Council can be shown to have been negligent.

NURSERY CLASSES

Children have the best fun when they are doing messy work. We will always try to make sure they wear aprons, but accidents happen, so please dress your child in suitable clothes. Please also make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing in case outdoor play or a trip is planned. It is important that children learn to be independent. Please ensure that suitable clothing is worn to allow this in the toilet and cloakroom.