



Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Uniform

As you may recall, as part of the protocols implemented during the Covid-19 pandemic, pupils were asked to come into school wearing their PE kits or clothing for Forest Schools. Whilst those protocols were needed during that difficult time, there were also some drawbacks.

During the last year we have seen a slow and steady drop off in standards of children wearing school uniform. As the year has gone on, some children are coming to school in tracksuits, t-shirts, leggings and non-black trainers almost every day. Even on PE days, some children are not wearing our full PE kit uniform. In addition, changing for PE in school allows younger children to develop their independence from parents and learn how to dress themselves, e.g. putting jumpers on, buttoning up shirts, putting shoes on and tying up laces.

When we return after the half term break, on Wednesday 22nd February, learners are to arrive at school wearing full uniform and will get changed for PE and Forest Schools (as they do for swimming) during the school day.

PE kits are to remain at school in a separate bag and taken home when required for washing. Forest School clothing (wet weather coats/wellies etc) can be brought in on the day that it is needed or again kept at school in a separate bag.

Also a reminder that aerosol deodorants are not permitted, please supply your child with roll on ones.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our uniform policy which I have attached at the bottom of this letter. The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos, which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. Some changes were made last year to remove the need to purchase some items with our logo, allowing families to purchase uniform from a wider range of suppliers. One important part of the uniform policy is shoes. There is a requirement for black school shoes or totally black trainers. Please see the second page of the uniform policy which shows the types of footwear that is acceptable and which is not acceptable. If there is a financial constraint to providing full school uniform, please contact the Family Inclusion Team in confidence.

If you are having a clear-out and have unwanted pieces of school uniform (including PE kits) as children have outgrown them, please drop off at school reception. Just because these items no longer fit your child, it doesn't mean that they can't be used again. Should you have any used - but in good condition items that you would be happy to donate to the School please can your child bring these in.

We will be collating a bank of clothing where we can offer items to families or children at school that need replacement clothing for various reasons. We would also welcome unwanted good quality coats, school shoes, trainers (for PE) and wellies.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Primary (Years 1-6)

Item	Retailer
Sky blue polo shirt	Any
Navy sweatshirt/cardigan	Only available from Emblem School Wear shop
Navy trousers/skirt	Any
Plain white, navy or black socks (navy tights)	Any

PE Kit

Item	Retailer
Sky blue PE t-shirt	Any
Navy PE shorts or jogging bottoms	Any
PE trainers	Any
Swimming kit and towel	Any
Outdoor coat and wellies	Any

Secondary (Years 7-11)

Item	Retailer
Sky blue polo shirt or plain blue shirt	Any
Navy sweatshirt/cardigan	Only available from Emblem School Wear shop
Navy trousers / skirt	Any
Tartan skirt	Only available from Emblem School Wear shop
Plain white, navy or black socks (navy tights)	Any

PE Kit

Item	Retailer
Navy PE t-shirt	Only available from Emblem School Wear shop
Navy PE shorts or jogging bottoms	Any
Navy PE socks	Any
PE trainers	Any
Swimming kit and towel (years 7-9 only)	Any

Optional items (secondary only)

- Blazer – only available from Emblem
- PE mid layer – only available from Emblem
- PE track pants – only available from Emblem

Summer Uniform Year 1-11 only (will be informed through the bulletin or text when this starts)

Girls - Navy Gingham summer dress

Boys - Navy tailored school shorts

Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers are required for all pupils

Natural hair colours only





Castledon Footwear Explained



Footwear must be plain **Black**

Soles of the shoes and logos must be plain **Black**

Patent, leather and fabric shoes are all acceptable if all plain **Black**

No heels - flat soles only

Shoelaces, velcros and slip ons are all **ok**