

School Uniform Policy

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 ethnicity or gender. Any proposals will be the subject of widespread consultation with Parents/carers and students. Against this background it should be noted that it is the policy of the Children and Community Committee not to insist on students 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
- could be used to inflict damage on other students or be used by others to do so

Parents/carers receiving income support, family credit, housing benefit or council tax rebates will normally be entitled to monetary grants for footwear and clothing for their children. Approval of any requests for such grants made by parents/carers in different circumstances is at the discretion of the Director of Educational Services. Information and application forms may be obtained from schools, libraries, area offices and from Children & Community, County Buildings, Ayr.

The Council is concerned at the level of claims being received regarding the loss of students' clothing and/or personal belongings. Parents/carers are asked to assist in this area by ensuring that valuable items and unnecessarily expensive items of clothing are not brought to school. Parents/carers 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.

The following guidelines are provided to inform students, parents/carers and school staff of the standard of dress expected of all students attending Marr College. We would expect all students to comply with the school dress code:

The following items of clothing are deemed to be desirable modes of dress for learning:

Marr College blazer
Marr College sweatshirt
Marr College polo shirt
White shirt and school tie
Black or grey trousers or skirt (of a reasonable length)

For Physical Education and Games, the minimum following kit is required:

Shorts (dark)
T-shirt (Departmental or plain grey for boys and plain white for girls)
Sports socks (white)
Training shoes

It is unacceptable to wear:

Football colours
Denims
Branded clothing
Revealing clothing
Hats or hoods within the school building