



## Friends' School Lisburn Appearance Code 2026 - 2027

This appearance code is compliant with [DENI School Uniform Guidelines](#) and is to be reviewed every 3 years in consultation with the school, pupils and parents. It is set within the context of the Pastoral Care Policy and the Behaviour Policy and Code. It is expected that all pupils understand and accept the Appearance Code, and therefore all are expected to adhere to the guidelines set down. Any deviation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and requests must be submitted by a parent in writing to the Principal. Friends' School appreciates the support and co-operation of parents in upholding our high standards regarding appearance.

### Pre-loved uniform

The code aims to ensure high standards of uniform for pupils; affordable, practical and fit for purpose. It is also important that uniform has longevity and we operate a very busy pre-loved uniform shop alongside our school lost property. Parents and pupils are encouraged to donate items to the pre-loved uniform shop when they become too small but are still fit for purpose and can be used by others. A small fee is charged to pupils for items from the pre-loved uniform shop with all proceeds supporting local charities.

As a school we have sought to reduce the number of branded uniform items to ensure that parents have maximum choice whilst still maintaining our strong school identity.

### Uniform items are split into three main categories:

1. Main Uniform
2. PE / Games Kit
3. Sports Team Kits

### Section 1: Main Uniform Items

Where a main uniform item is unbranded this may be purchased from any retailer, e.g. white shirt, trousers, socks, shoes etc.

Specialised items of main uniform e.g. blazer, tie etc should be purchased from our main uniform stockists. To ensure competition our uniform is stocked by two local suppliers.

- [McCalls of Lisburn, Market Street, Lisburn](#)
- [Warnocks, 791-2 Lisburn Road, Belfast](#)

| Boys' Main Uniform Items (*marked items are optional)    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Regulation green Blazer with School badge                | Stockist |
| Regulation School Tie                                    | Stockist |
| *Regulation Scarf                                        | Stockist |
| Charcoal grey/black School Trousers                      | Generic  |
| White Shirt                                              | Generic  |
| *Mid grey/ Green v-neck Pullover                         | Generic  |
| Black Shoes                                              | Generic  |
| Black or dark grey Socks                                 | Generic  |
| *Plain dark coloured (black, grey, navy) waterproof coat | Generic  |

| Girls' Main Uniform Items:                                             |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Regulation green Blazer with School badge                              | Stockist |
| Regulation School Tie                                                  | Stockist |
| *Regulation Scarf                                                      | Stockist |
| Black School Trousers / Regulation green Skirt (see description below) | Generic  |
| White Blouse (worn with tie)                                           | Generic  |
| *Summer Blouse (worn between March/April and 31 October)               | Stockist |
| *Mid grey/ Green v-neck Pullover                                       | Generic  |
| *Green Cardigan (Y11-14 only)                                          | Generic  |
| Black Shoes                                                            | Generic  |
| Regulation green Tights (Years 11-14/Years 8-10 with Winter uniform)   | Generic  |
| *Regulation green knee length Socks (Y8-10)                            | Stockist |
| Black or dark grey Socks                                               | Generic  |
| *Plain dark coloured (black, grey, navy) waterproof coat               | Generic  |

#### Main Uniform Appearance Code:

1. Blazers must be worn to and from School and throughout the day. They may be removed in class.
2. The white shirt/blouse should be tucked in, the top button fastened and ties worn neatly to the waist.
3. Coloured or patterned T-shirts should not be worn under shirts/blouses.
4. Green regulation tights must be worn with Winter uniform for girls. Girls in KS3 (Years 8 - 10) may wear regulation knee socks with Summer uniform.
5. The girls skirt for all Year Groups is a green skirt with four inverted pleats which should **completely cover the knee**. All stockists have been advised on appropriate skirt length and girls will be asked to replace skirts that do not meet this requirement.
6. Cardigan. This may be worn by Senior girls (Years 11- 14). This should be worn under the school blazer.
7. Footwear: shoes should be plain, flat-heeled, undecorated, and black leather. Boots, trainers and suede shoes are not permitted.
8. Socks should cover the ankle; "invisible" or "no show" socks with main uniform are not permitted.
9. The only items of jewellery permitted are: one watch/one plain ring/one pair of small earrings worn in the ear lobes. No other piercings are permitted.
10. Nail polish and make up (other than discreet foundation) are not permitted.
11. Hairstyles should be neat and tidy. Hair should not be conspicuously coloured. Hair accessories should be plain and dark in colour. Pupils will be asked to change hairstyles that are considered to be inappropriate.
12. Boys should be clean shaven in Year 8-12. Facial hair is permitted for pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> form, but should be neat and tidy.
13. Only School badges should be worn with the exception of one charity badge.
14. The School quarter-zip may be worn when travelling to and from School (worn **under** the School blazer) and between classes. The School quarter-zip is not an alternative to the School blazer.
15. Only the regulation scarf should be worn and must be removed in classrooms.

The approximate cost of compulsory main uniform items (blazer, tie, shirts, trousers/skirt) is £120 at current prices. Note: that main stockists often offer 20% discount in June/July.

#### Section 2: PE/Games Kit

Specialised Items of PE/Games kit may be purchased **online from the school shop** which can be accessed at any time throughout the year by clicking [here](#). PE/Games kit is required for participation in PE/Games classes in school. We have undertaken a comparison with our broker across a range of different suppliers to ensure we have high quality items that are fit for purpose and are long lasting for parents. Where items are generic these should be purchased from any high street retailer.

Items of PE/Games kit are classed as compulsory, recommended and optional.

| Boys' PE/Games kit Items:           |                                            |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Regulation Reversible Games Top     | Compulsory for Y8 only                     | Online Shop         |
| Regulation PE top                   | Optional                                   | Online Shop         |
| Regulation Navy Shorts (Multisport) | Compulsory                                 | Oline Shop          |
| Plain/Canterbury Navy Stadium Pant  | Recommended                                | Online Shop/Generic |
| Regulation School Quarter Zip       | Recommended (may be worn below the blazer) | Online Shop         |
| Red Games Socks                     | Compulsory                                 | Online Shop/Generic |
| White Ankle Socks                   | Recommended                                | Generic             |
| Sports Training Shoes               | Compulsory                                 | Generic             |
| Mouth Guard                         | Compulsory                                 | Generic             |
| White or green base layer           | Optional                                   | Generic             |
| Astroturf Shoes – Hockey            | Optional                                   | Generic             |
| Hockey Stick                        | Optional                                   | Generic             |
| Shin Guards                         | Optional                                   | Generic             |
| Rugby/Football Boots                | Optional                                   | Generic             |

| Girls' PE/Games kit Items:          |                 |                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Regulation PE Shirt                 | Compulsory      | Online Shop         |
| Regulation PE Skort                 | Compulsory      | Online Shop         |
| Regulation Navy Shorts (Multisport) | Optional        | Online Shop         |
| Plain/Canterbury Navy Stadium Pant  | Recommended     | Online Shop/Generic |
| Regulation School Quarter Zip       | Recommended     | Online Shop         |
| Green Games Socks                   | Compulsory      | Online Shop/Generic |
| White Ankle Socks                   | Recommended     | Generic             |
| Sports Training Shoes               | Compulsory      | Generic             |
| Mouth Guard                         | Compulsory      | Generic             |
| White or green base layer           | Optional        | Generic             |
| Astroturf Shoes – Hockey            | Optional        | Generic             |
| Hockey Stick                        | Compulsory (Y8) | Generic             |
| Shin Guards                         | Recommended     | Generic             |
| Rugby/Football Boots                | Optional        | Generic             |

Where possible PE/Games kit will serve as multisport items for representing school in a variety of sports. However, additional specialised equipment may be required throughout the year to represent school in certain sports. Where this is a necessary, the school will communicate directly with the parents of pupils involved.

Mouth guard and shin guards are compulsory for contact sports.

The approximate cost of compulsory sports kit items at current prices is £70-80.

#### Games and PE appearance code

1. No hooded top (whether associated with school or not) should be worn going to and from school or when in school uniform. Hooded tops that are worn for particular sports or trips are permissible for wear **only** during those activities and not as part of regulation School uniform.
2. The correct Games kit should be worn in all Games and PE classes. Pupils travelling to away sporting fixtures should wear full School uniform or designated sports kit.
3. All items of uniform should be clearly named.

### **Section 3: Sports Team Kits**

Pupils will be able to represent school in a variety of different sports (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket etc.) When representing the school, pupils should ensure they are wearing regulation team kit. In the Junior school all pupils can represent the school wearing their PE/Games kit.

As pupils progress through the school and are playing for senior teams, they may be required to wear a team playing shirt, lower garments will not require any additional changes beyond the PE/Games kit. Pupils will also be required to have a **track top** to represent the school in team fixtures.

When travelling to/from team sporting activities pupils should wear their school playing kit, plain navy tracksuit bottoms and their **track top**. It is important that pupils adhere to these requirements and do not wear other non-regulation items when representing school.

Pupils are required to wear uniform correctly throughout the school day, when travelling to and from School, and on all occasions when representing School. Pupils will be asked to replace any item of uniform that does not meet the requirements set down in the Appearance Code above. Flexibility will be shown in periods of extreme weather and pupils will be advised accordingly.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Parents of pupils who are in receipt of free school meals are also able to avail of a uniform grant. This is a grant from the Education Authority and further details are available by clicking [this link](#).

As a Quaker school, one of our core values is equality. It is important to us that every pupil has the opportunity to take part fully in each aspect of school life. We have worked to try and keep the cost of our compulsory uniform items to a minimum and at approximately £200 per year; however, it is recognised that there will be other additional costs e.g. shoes, school bag, specialist sports equipment etc.

If the cost of items of uniform is a barrier to involvement, please contact the school at [pastoral@friends.lisburn.ni.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@friends.lisburn.ni.sch.uk) detailing the concern and we will aim to support you through our Pre-loved Uniform shop or other means.

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