Limavady Grammar School Uniform Policy From September 2026

1. Introduction

At Limavady Grammar School, our uniform is a visible reflection of our school motto: Vita, Veritas, Victoria (Life, Truth, Victory). It serves as a symbol of our shared identity, fostering a sense of belonging and pride within our community. We believe that a uniform minimises social distractions and allows our pupils to focus on our core mission: Learning, Caring, and Preparing for Life.

In accordance with the School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Act (Northern Ireland) 2026, (herein after referred to as “the 2026 Act”) this policy ensures:

- **Minimal Branding:** Branded items are kept to a minimum to allow for high-street/supermarket alternatives.
- **Value for Money:** All items are selected based on durability and cost-effectiveness.
- **Inclusivity:** Reasonable adjustments are made for pupils with SEND.

2. Policy Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- To Foster Inclusion and Equality: To ensure that all pupils, regardless of socio-economic background, feel an equal part of the LGS community by minimising visible differences in wealth through uniform.
- To Ensure Affordability: To limit the number of branded or "sole-supplier" items in line with 2026 legislative caps, maximising the use of generic, high-street alternatives for core items like shirts, trousers, skirts and coats.
- To Support Sustainability: To promote the environmental benefits of "pre-loved" uniforms through our school-led recycling initiatives and the LGS Parents' Association uniform exchange.
- To Prioritise Practicality and Comfort: To provide a uniform that is fit for the rigors of a modern school day, including a streamlined, cost-effective PE kit that facilitates participation in our wide range of extra-curricular sports.
- To Maintain High Standards: To ensure that students are prepared for life beyond school by encouraging a professional appearance and a disciplined approach to personal presentation.
- To Guarantee Transparency: To provide parents and guardians with clear, up-to-date information regarding costs and a choice of at least three competitive suppliers for any required branded elements.

3. The Uniform Requirements

School uniform regulations will be strictly enforced, and parents are asked to co-operate fully with the school in this matter.

3.1 School Uniform Regulations

- Outdoor coats may be worn and must be plain navy blue or black with a plain dark lining. Raincoat, overcoat, anorak or duffel coat, not bomber jacket, corduroy, waxed coat, denim or material stitched to resemble denim.
- School scarf with fleecy back (or knitted school scarf) both optional.
- Navy woollen bobble hat with school crest (optional)
- Hoodies may not be worn as part of school uniform.
- Shoes must be plain black with flat heels – not suede or nubuck (or similar) or canvas. Soles should be smooth or only slightly ridged. Training shoes and boots are not permitted, nor are Vans, Converse or similar styles. Laces must be the same colour as the shoes.
- Details of the PE/Games uniform are provided to all new pupils.
- All items of uniform and bags must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

Uniform Regulations for Girls

- Navy blue – not black – school blazer with crest.
- Navy blue six panel skirt to the knee, not tight fitting (Years 8-10); navy kick-pleat skirt below the knee (Years 11-14)
- Navy regulation girls' trousers may be worn.
- White school blouse (buttoned to neck), tucked into skirt waistband and school tie.
- Navy blue V-necked pullover or cardigan (no motifs except the school crest) may be worn under the blazer (optional).
- Navy blue knee socks worn to the knee or navy blue heavy-weight tights.

Summer uniform (optional) – from 18 March until end of June:

- White 3/4 length sleeve school blouse with school crest
- Navy slipover with school crest

General

- Lapel badges must be confined to school badges, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and major Youth Organisations, e.g. Scouts or Guides and a maximum of one charity badge.
- Make-up in any form, including nail varnish, should be natural and subtle. Hair must be clean and tidy, and in a style and of a natural colour acceptable to the school, e.g. not dyed, streaked or shaven. Any hair accessories must be discreet/plain and in school colours.
- Only basic jewellery, i.e. watches and one plain ring may be worn. Small, plain ear rings may be worn. Facial jewellery is not permitted.

Uniform Regulations for Boys

- Navy blue – not black – school blazer with crest
- Charcoal grey or black flannel trousers. Not “skinny legs.”
- White shirt and school tie. Shirts should be plain and formal, no badges or leisure shirt features.
- Navy V-necked pullover (no motifs except the school crest) may be worn under the blazer (optional).
- Dark grey or black socks – not light grey, white or coloured.

Summer uniform (optional) – from 18 March until end of June:

- White short sleeve school shirt with school crest
- Navy slipover with school crest
- Lapel badges must be confined to school badges, Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and major Youth Organisations, e.g. Scouts, and a maximum of one charity badge.
- Hair must be clean and tidy, neither too long nor too short, and in a style and of a natural colour acceptable to the school, e.g. not dyed, streaked or shaven. Boys are encouraged to be clean shaven. Any facial hair must be kept neat and tidy.
- Only basic jewellery, i.e. watches and one plain ring may be worn and belts must be simple in design. Small, plain ear rings may be worn. Facial jewellery is not permitted.

P.E. and Games Kit & Equipment

Boys P.E.

- Plain navy shorts or Kukri navy and blue shorts;
- Plain white top or Kukri games jersey
- White socks;
- Sports trainers (not fashion trainers/converse)

***Kukri navy and blue shorts / Games top can also be worn for PE**

Boys Games

- Kukri navy and blue shorts;
- Kukri Games jersey;
- LGS branded/Kukri socks;
- Sports trainers (not fashion trainers/converse);
- Rugby or football boots;
- Towel
- Gum shield and shin guards.
- School Tracksuit (Kukri brand) *optional plain navy tracksuit bottoms can be worn.

Girls P.E.

- Kukri white and navy top (used for both PE and Games);
- White ankle socks;
- Plain navy shorts of appropriate length and not tight fitting or plain navy sports leggings: sports leggings must be opaque (non-see through) and suitable for active movement and offer full coverage. Please note that black leggings are not acceptable;

- Sports trainers (not fashion trainers/converse)

Girls Games

- Kukri white and navy top (used for both PE and Games);
- Skort or athletic navy shorts of appropriate length and not tight fitting;
- White knee length sports socks;
- Towel;
- Sports trainers (not fashion trainers/converse);
- Gum shield and shin guards
- School Tracksuit (Kukri brand) *optional plain navy tracksuit bottoms can be worn

All compression clothing ('skins') or under armour garments must be in school colours.

Please note that any unbranded clothing must be plain i.e. no logo.

* Please note that if your child is pursuing competitive hockey you are advised to purchase correct astro turf trainers and a hockey stick.

No black rubber-soled shoes may be worn in the Sports Hall.

All pupils are advised that they should wear their gumshield during Hockey and Rugby training/matches.

NB No football shirts or shorts are permitted.

ALL ARTICLES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH OWNER'S NAME

Personal Protective Equipment for Sport

When taking part in sport in school, Limavady Grammar School strongly advise the use of mouthguards when participating in Rugby and Hockey.

Mandatory items

Hockey: shin guards must be worn for training and competitive matches
Football: shin guards must be worn for training and competitive matches
Cricket: helmets and boxes when batting using a hard ball and fielding close to the bat

Although wearing Personal, Protective Equipment will not guarantee complete protection from injury, it can, in many cases mitigate the severity of the injury.

3.2 Uniform Costs (prices in April 2026)

Uniform Item	Required or Optional	Classification	Cost
GIRLS			
Navy blue blazer with school crest	Required	Branded	From £54.95 to £74.95
Navy blue six panel skirt to the knee (Y8-10) or Navy blue girls' trousers	Required	Unbranded	From £23.95 to £33.95
Navy blue kick-pleat skirt (Y11-14) or Navy blue girls' trousers	Required	Unbranded	From £23.95 to £33.95
White school blouse	Required	Unbranded	From £17.95 to £22.95 (twin pack)
School tie	Required	Branded	£6.95
Navy blue V-necked pullover or cardigan	Optional	Branded	From £25.95 to £31.95
Navy blue knee socks or navy blue heavy-weight tights	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Summer uniform: 3/4 length sleeve white school blouse with crest	Optional	Branded	From £9.00
Navy slipover with school crest	Optional	Branded	From £12.99
Outdoor coats - plain navy blue or black with a plain dark lining. Raincoat, overcoat, anorak or duffel coat, not bomber jacket, corduroy, waxed coat, denim or material stitched to resemble denim.	Optional	Unbranded	Various prices
PE			
Kukri white and navy top (girls)	Required	Branded	From £20.00
White ankle socks	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Navy shorts	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Trainers	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Navy Leggings	Optional	Unbranded	Various prices
GAMES			
Kukri white and navy top	Required	Branded	From £20
Skort	Required	Branded	From £19.99
Socks	Required	Branded	£9.95
Trainers	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Hockey stick	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Gum shield	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Shin guards	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
School Tracksuit (Kukri brand)	Required	Branded	From £65.00
BOYS			
Navy blue school blazer with crest	Required	Branded	From £54.95 to £74.95

Black/charcoal grey trousers	Required	Unbranded	From £23.95 to £33.95
White school shirt	Required	Unbranded	From £17.95 to £22.95 (twin pack)
School tie	Required	Branded	£6.95
Navy V-necked pullover	Optional	Branded	From £25.95 to £31.95
Dark grey or black socks	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Summer uniform: white short sleeve shirt with school crest	Optional	Branded	From £9.00
Navy slipover with school crest	Optional	Branded	From £12.99
Outdoor coats - plain navy blue or black with a plain dark lining. Raincoat, overcoat, anorak or duffel coat, not bomber jacket, corduroy, waxed coat, denim or material stitched to resemble denim.	Optional	Unbranded	Various
PE			
Kukri navy and blue shorts Plain Navy shorts	Either/or	Branded Unbranded	Various prices
White t-shirt	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
White socks	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Trainers	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
GAMES			
Kukri navy and blue shorts	Required	Branded	From £19.95 to £22.95
Kukri Games jersey	Required	Branded	From £42.95 to £49.95
Socks	Required	Branded	£9.95
Trainers	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Rugby or football boots	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Gum shield	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
Shin guards	Required	Unbranded	Various prices
School Tracksuit (Kukri brand)	Required	Branded	£65.00
Other items (Girls and Boys)			
Coats	Optional	Unbranded	Various prices
Scarf	Optional	Branded	£25.00
Bobble hat	Optional	Branded	£9.99

4. Uniform Suppliers

School uniform items may be purchased from any of the following school uniform suppliers:

- JOHN PAUL FASHIONS, 57-59 Market Street, Limavady, BT49 0AB
- SCHOOLWEAR @ CHAPS, Market Street, Limavady
- WALLACE. COLERAINE, 28 Railway Road, Coleraine, BT52 1PE
- HEART & HOME, 10 Lower Captain Street, Coleraine, BT51 3DT

A variety of other suppliers are available for unbranded items in a range of locations.

5. Equality and Inclusion

At Limavady Grammar School, our uniform policy is rooted in the belief that every pupil should feel a sense of belonging, regardless of their background, identity, or individual needs. In accordance with the 2026 Statutory Guidance, this policy is designed to be inclusive and non-discriminatory. We recognise our duty under the Equality Act to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including sensory-sensitive fabric alternatives or modifications to fastenings where required.

Furthermore, the school respects the diverse cultural and religious identities within the Roe Valley community; the wearing of plain black or navy religious headwear is fully supported as part of our standard uniform. Our "Pre-loved" uniform initiative further ensures that high-quality school wear is accessible to all, upholding our commitment to a school environment where every student is valued, supported, and treated with dignity.

6. Sustainability and Support

- **Uniform Bank:** The school operates a "Pre-loved Uniform Store" available to all families. This promotes sustainability and reduces costs.
- **Uniform Grants:** Families eligible for Free School Meals may apply for the Education Authority (EA) School Clothing Allowance, which has been extended under the 2026 Act.

7. Expectations and Monitoring

7.1 Student and Parent Responsibilities

At Limavady Grammar School, pupils report that they wear their uniform with pride. We expect all pupils to adhere to the uniform policy as a demonstration of their commitment to our school community and the high standards of Limavady Grammar School. Students are expected to wear the correct uniform daily, including travel to and from school, ensuring they represent LGS with pride in the local community.

Parents and Guardians are asked to support the school by ensuring their child has the necessary items and by labelling all clothing clearly to minimise loss.

7.2 Monitoring Procedures

In line with our Positive Behaviour Policy, monitoring is conducted with a focus on "Connection before Correction."

Daily Check: Form Tutors conduct a visual uniform check during morning registration.

Subject Teacher Oversight: Staff will monitor uniform throughout the school day, including in corridors and during PE transitions.

Constructive Dialogue: If a pupil is not in the correct uniform, the Form Tutor or member of school staff will engage in a private, reflective dialogue to understand the reason.

8. Consultation and Review

The Uniform Policy will be reviewed within 3 years of the previous review, or as required.

- **Last Consulted:** March 2026
- **Next Review:** By March 2029
- **Method:** This policy was developed in consultation with the Students and Parents following consultation.

9. Survey Summary

Parents

The percentages of those parents who responded are as follows.

Question	Agree/ Strongly agree %	Neutral %	Disagree/Strongly disagree %
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps all pupils to feel equal to their peers/classmates.	82.9	11.6	5.5
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps promote a sense of identity, community and belonging to the school.	89.0	6.2	4.8
Wearing a school uniform prepares pupils for the uniform requirements in certain careers.	67.8	18.5	13.7
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps promote a sense of pride in the school.	84.3	11.0	4.8
Having a school uniform helps reduce pressure on families to purchase a range of clothes for each week and also reduces social pressure (e.g. designer names, fashion trends) amongst pupils.	82.8	8.2	9.0
Pupils at Limavady Grammar School should be required to wear a school uniform.	89.6	6.9	3.5
Are you aware of the range of suppliers for our school uniform?	95.9	0.0	4.1
Do you think there is an adequate range of suppliers for the school uniform - blazers, ties, trousers, skirts etc.?	73.6	0.0	26.4

Do you believe the school uniform from these uniform suppliers is affordable?	30.1	21.9	48.0
Your child thinks that our school uniform is comfortable.	55.9	17.9	26.2
Do you think our school uniform is durable and value for money?	49.3	26.7	24.0
Our current PE/Games uniform is durable and good quality.	85.6	10.3	4.1
Pupils enjoy wearing our PE/Games uniform.	72.6	19.9	7.6
Pupils wear their branded PE/Games uniform outside of school.	22.1	0.0	77.9
Our current PE/Games uniform is affordable.	24.0	21.9	54.1
Pupils currently wear PE/Games kit for many school teams/activities and visits. Would you like this arrangement to continue? Please note this is only possible if there are branded PE/Games kit items.	83.6	0.0	16.4
Do you think that all the PE/Games uniform items should be unbranded? (for example, rather than a school branded item, a plain white T shirt, plain navy short/skort). If so, this will require parents of players across a wide range of sports and activities to purchase their own team kit or the school to seek sponsorship for all of these team kits.	40.7	0.0	59.3
If the PE/Games uniform was unbranded and generic, but your son/daughter played for a school team or a particular activity, would you be willing to purchase branded team kit for your child's sport?	77.9	0.0	22.1
Have you ever used Limavady Grammar's Uniform Pop up Shop?	24.7	0.0	75.3
Have you ever donated any pre-loved items to school for use in our Pop up Shop?	35.2	0.0	64.8
Limavady Grammar's Uniform Swap facility has been helpful in reducing costs for families.	64.1	31.0	4.8
The DE Uniform Guidance states, 'Schools should endeavour to provide school owned kits for representative teams, especially if different from normal games wear.' In LGS in the vast majority of cases the pupils wear their **PE/Games kit** when playing for teams or taking part in other activities. We have over 35 representative teams across a range of ages, sports and activities and the cost of providing kits for each of these activities would be approximately £20,000 per annum. Due to budget constraints the school currently operates on an in year deficit. Please note any funding towards representative teams would have to come directly from resources currently spent on teaching and learning resources. If your son/daughter plays for a school team, would you prefer the school to provide shared team kits for matches/fixtures?	25% - I'd prefer the school to purchase representative team kits, to be shared, washed and reused each week.		
	75% - I'd prefer to continue using branded PE/Games kit and/or purchase an individual team kit and be able to keep it.		

Pupils

54% of pupils completed the uniform survey. The percentages of those who responded are as follows.

Question	Agree/ Strongly agree %	Neutral %	Disagree/Strongly disagree %
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps all pupils to feel equal to their peers/classmates.	53.0	35.5	11.5
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps promote a sense of identity, community and belonging to the school.	52.9	29.2	17.9
Wearing a school uniform prepares pupils for the uniform requirements in certain careers.	41.8	30.3	27.9
Limavady Grammar's current school uniform helps promote a sense of pride in the school.	41.0	37.6	21.4
Having a school uniform helps reduce pressure on families to purchase a range of clothes for each week and also reduces social pressure (e.g. designer names, fashion trends) amongst pupils.	43.0	19.9	37.1
Pupils at Limavady Grammar School should be required to wear a school uniform.	31.3	31.5	37.3
Do you think that our school uniform is comfortable?	24.6	35.2	40.2
Do you think your school uniform lasts a long time and is worth the price?	31.0	28.1	40.9
Do you like wearing your school uniform?	21.1	36.9	41.9
Our current PE/Games uniform is of good quality and will last a long time.	62.2	24.6	13.2
I enjoy wearing our PE/Games uniform.	62.2	21.6	16.2
I wear my branded PE/Games uniform outside of school.	16.6	0.0	83.4
Our current PE/Games uniform is sold at a good price.	15.0	45.0	40.0
Pupils currently wear PE/Games kit for many school teams/activities and visits. Would you like this arrangement to continue? Please note this is only possible if there are branded PE/Games kit items.	84.5	0.0	15.5
Do you think that all the PE/Games uniform items should be unbranded? (for example, rather than a school branded item, a plain white T shirt, plain navy short/skort). If so, this will require parents of players across a wide range of sports and activities to purchase their own team kit or the school to seek sponsorship for all of these team kits.	26.1	0.0	73.9

Signed _____A McNeill_____ **(Chairman of the Board of Governors)**

Date _____10.06.2026_____

Signed _____N Madden_____ **(Principal)**

Date _____10.06.2026_____

Date for Review **May 2029**