



**CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY
SEPTEMBER 2026**

Overview

Carrickfergus Grammar School recognises the importance of maintaining a school uniform which reflects the values, ethos and identity of the school whilst also ensuring that uniform requirements remain affordable, practical and proportionate for all families.

School continues to take account of the School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Act (Northern Ireland) 2026 whilst devising policy. This policy can be read in tandem with the accompanying 'Uniform Rationale and Affordability Framework'.

Full school uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including on the journey to and from school. We take pride in our uniform, and we enforce it.

Inappropriate schoolwear may be temporarily confiscated and returned to parent/guardian only. Contravention of these regulations by pupils will lead to school sanctions being enforced.

Uniform Grants

Grants are available from the Education Authority. Information for parents or guardians including eligibility, how to apply for support and contact details can be found via the following link:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-uniform-grants> .

Carrickfergus Grammar School encourages pupils to play a full part in the life of the School, regardless of family circumstances. The Principal is always prepared to discuss privately and in confidence any financial issues that parents/guardians may raise.

Pre-loved uniform

The school operates a pre-loved uniform shop (including P.E. kit) and this is opened several times per term. Dates and times are publicised to parents. School always welcomes donations of uniform to help stock pre-loved uniform supplies.

SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

GIRLS' UNIFORM	BOYS' UNIFORM
ESSENTIAL	
Carrickfergus Grammar School blazer and school tie, as supplied by outfitters	Carrickfergus Grammar School blazer and school tie, as supplied by outfitters
Grey, calf-length box-pleated skirt worn to the mid-calf or below, as supplied by outfitters	Plain, black, school trousers, as supplied by outfitters (no skinny fit trousers accepted)
Plain white blouse	Plain white shirt
Plain black tights or white ankle socks	Plain dark grey or plain black socks
Plain black leather shoes with low, flat heels (no boots or trainer-type shoes such as Nike Air Force are accepted)	Plain black leather shoes with low, flat heels (no boots or trainer-type shoes such as Nike Air Force are accepted)
OPTIONAL	
Plain navy, V-necked school jumper or cardigan as supplied by outfitters	Plain navy, V-necked school jumper or cardigan, as supplied by outfitters
School scarf	School scarf
A plain navy or black (rain)coat.	A plain navy or black (rain)coat.
<p>All uniform should be labelled with the owner's name.</p> <p>Stitching on shoes must be black. Shoes should not have coloured (eg. silver / gold) buckles.</p> <p>A fluorescent band or strip is encouraged for dark mornings / evenings to and from school.</p> <p><u>No hoodies are permitted to and from school and will be confiscated.</u></p> <p>Only the school scarf should be worn. All other scarves will be confiscated.</p>	

SCHOOL P.E. and GAMES UNIFORM

A version of the school PE and Games uniform with a visual outline of essential / non-essential kit is available on the school website.

GIRLS' P.E. and GAMES UNIFORM	BOYS' P.E. and GAMES UNIFORM
ESSENTIAL	
School shorts or skort	School shorts
School training polo (Maroon)	School training polo (Navy)
School navy and maroon playing socks	School navy and maroon playing socks
Sports trainers	Sports trainers and rugby boots
	School rugby jersey
OPTIONAL	
School track pants	School track pants
School hoodie	School hoodie
School quarter-zip top	School quarter-zip top
School house t-shirt	School house t-shirt
School leggings	
<p>Sports trainers for PE / Games must offer sufficient protection and support for young feet. We strongly recommend that these are purchased from a recognised sports retailer. Casual footwear such as light plimsolls, Nike Blazer or Converse™ brand are not acceptable.</p> <p>In relation to footwear for rugby, students are not permitted to wear 'blades' on the sole plate. Either moulded studded boots or metal studs are acceptable.</p> <p>All P.E. kit should be labelled with the owner's name. Shinguards and gum-shields are needed for hockey and rugby.</p>	

Hair must be kept neat and tidy. Unnatural colours (e.g. blue, pink, burgundy etc.) and prominent stylings (e.g. blocked dying, stripes, buzzed/razor cuts etc) are not acceptable. Hair should be kept a natural colour at all times. We do not permit hair colouring, tints, dyes, highlights (boys and girls), knots or extreme shapes and styles where one part of the head looks very different from another part. There is no discrimination between genders on hair length although neither boys nor girls may have any section of hair cut shorter than **grade number 2**. This includes at the sides. Skin fades are not accepted. Lines shaved into the head or eyebrows will not be tolerated. In practical lessons hair must be tied back when requested by a member of staff.

Make-up: Discreet foundation only- no coloured nail-varnish/gel nails or eyelash extensions are permitted. Fake tan is not permitted.

Jewellery: No earrings are permitted, even if concealed by hair or sticking-plasters. Years 13 and 14 only may wear a small silver or gold stud earring in the lower earlobes. No other facial or visible body-piercings, including transparent retainers, are permitted, even when covered by a sticking-plaster. No wrist jewellery may be worn. One, flat-surfaced ring may be worn. Rubber wrist bands are not permitted.

Schoolbags: Pupils in Years 8-12 must have a proper, 'traditional' schoolbag with a strap for each shoulder so that it can be carried over the back. So-called 'fashion bags' are not permitted in these year groups.

The following **badges** are the only ones permitted to be worn on school uniform:

- (i) a school badge
- (ii) a charity badge

The Principal reserves the right to send a pupil home for unacceptable uniform / appearance.