

School Uniform

In support of many parents' wishes, South Lanarkshire Council encourages all pupils to wear a school uniform. The wearing of a school uniform helps promote the identity of the school in the local community and helps create an ethos of sharing and pride in the school.

In addition, the wearing of a uniform helps towards increasing the protection of all pupils in light of the need to be more security conscious in all of our schools. The wearing of a uniform helps staff and the pupils to distinguish between who belongs to the school and those who may be visitors. This enables staff to approach and identify visitors more readily and helps in trying to offer a safer environment for pupils and teachers alike.

Equality of opportunity is an important aspect of the life of the school and any proposals on the wearing of a uniform will be the subject of consultation with parents, pupils and staff.

There are forms of dress which are unacceptable in all schools such as:

- the wearing of football colours
- clothing with slogans that may cause offence (anti-religious, symbolism or political slogans)
- clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco or drugs
- clothing which can be deemed unsuitable in terms of Health & Safety grounds such as shell suits, combat style clothing, dangling earrings, loose fitting clothes particularly in practical classes
- articles of clothing that could inflict damage on other pupils or be used by others to do so
- footwear that may damage flooring.

The Council provides support to parents in receipt of Income Support, Working Families Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Rebate by providing financial assistance towards the purchase of school uniform/clothing.

Application forms for clothing grant are available from Q&A Offices, Benefit & Revenues 01698 453371/453245/453244, the school or Education Resources, Almada Street, Hamilton, Telephone 01698 454545.