



SCHOOL POLICY

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Integrated Education has been one of the most significant social developments within Northern Ireland in the last 40 years. Priory wears its Integrated ethos and practice with pride. Integration is prioritised by school leadership and is led by the Principal, BOGs and a drive team, under the leadership of the newly appointed Integration Co-ordinator. The four core principles of integrated education - **equality, faith and values, parental involvement** and **social responsibility** are central in all we do. Integration and Inclusion remains high on the agenda of the college and we will endeavour to make sure that every child is welcomed and taught in a safe and nurturing Priory College.

College Mission Statement

Priory Integrated College welcomes children from all traditions, cultures and abilities. Together, we aim to empower every child to reach their full potential, in a nurturing, caring environment which upholds respect and excellence for all.

The Board of Governors of Priory Integrated College believes that our college uniform plays a crucial and valuable role in securing high standards for every child. It sets an appropriate tone which supports effective learning and teaching and promotes positive behaviour and discipline. Our uniform encourages our students to feel a sense of pride in and a collective identity with the college's ethos. It helps to free them from social pressures to dress in a particular way, and also helps to ensure that students from all backgrounds feel equally part of our college, nurturing cohesion and good relations between different groups. Aspects of college uniform policy also contribute to health and safety. The college uniform is therefore compulsory for all students to wear, both in school and journeying to and from school, for the entirety of the academic year.

The college has worked with a range of suppliers (as stated within the policy) to ensure that we can provide all aspects of the uniform at a price affordable to parents/carers.

This reviewed Policy (2022), includes our new official PE kit. We are pleased to launch this part of our uniform which we have taken special measures to ensure that it is not branded with any well known Sports manufacturer, but yet is smart, fashionable, high quality and most importantly affordable to all our pupils. We also have tried to ensure that we are phasing this uniform in over 2022/23 by allowing some aspects of the legacy PE uniform to be worn.

School Uniform Year 8- 14

Blazer	<i>College regulation navy with the college crest stitched in. Sixth form pupils wear a College regulation green with crest stitched in.</i>
Skirt/Trousers	<i>College regulation grey skirt with two kick pleats, worn long enough for the hem to sit no higher than 2 inches above the knee OR College regulation grey trousers (not skinny fit). These items should be purchased from the list of stockists shown at the bottom of this uniform summary.</i>
Blouse/shirt	<i>White long sleeved</i>
Tie	<i>College regulation</i>
V-neck pullover or cardigan	<i>College regulation grey with navy and green trim (Optional)</i>
Quarter Zip and/or Hoodie (Optional)	<i>College regulation navy hoodie or Quarter Zip with stitched school crest, which is also part of the Sports uniform and purchased directly from Uniform Store NI, Newtownards. Sixth form pupils are permitted to wear their Year 12 'Leavers' hoodies in one of the three school colours: Navy, Bottle Green or Grey or alternatively a College Regulation Bottle Green fleece with the Priory Crest. All of these items are to act as a layer underneath the school blazer.</i>
Gilet	<i>College Regulation navy gilet with stitched school crest available from the school</i>
Socks	<i>Dark grey knee length and NOT black</i>
Tights	<i>Black opaque tights in a 30 denier minimum</i>
Footwear	<i>Plain black, flat-heeled, leather or leather-look shoes, not boots or sandals, trainers, trainer-styles, canvas, fabric or other textile. Shoes should have no emblems, flashes or other decorative additions (See illustration at Appendix 1)</i>
Outerwear	<i>College regulation outdoor jacket or a plain black or navy or grey jacket with no contrasting stripes or panels (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or sportswear - type jackets - See illustration at Appendix 2)</i>
Scarf	<i>College regulation (this item is optional, but no other type of scarf is permitted as an alternative)</i>

PE Uniform (Unisex) - Launched for 2022/23

On days when pupils have PE timetabled, pupils are permitted to wear the **FULL** College's PE uniform:

- College regulation navy hoodie and/or Quarter Zip with stitched school crest which can be purchased directly from Uniform Store NI, High Street, Newtownards or through their website. Other retailers may stock a limited supply.
- College regulation navy track bottoms which can be purchased directly or online from Uniform Store NI, High Street, Newtownards
- College regulation Navy crew neck t-shirt
- College regulation Navy shorts
- College regulation gilet (optional)
- Sports leggings and/or shorts are permitted and should be navy or black and worn under the College regulation track bottoms to and from school but not as an alternative
- White Sports socks
- Sports trainers, which offer good support, cushioning and be appropriate for sporting activity
- Pupils choosing to wear the full sports kit to school, can wear the College regulation outdoor coat OR a black, grey or navy outdoor coat OR the school blazer.

Note: the Legacy PE uniform will not be accepted from September 2023.

Summer Uniform

Pupils have the option to wear a Summer uniform in the third (Summer) term up to the end of June. All aspects of college's uniform will remain the same as for the rest of the year except in relation to the following options:

- A college regulation navy and white striped summer shirt / blouse, open necked and short sleeved worn without the college tie. The shirt/blouse must be worn tucked into the waistband of the trousers/skirt.
- The college regulation blazer must be worn to and from college, but can be stored safely in the school bag or locker during the school day.

Jewellery

It is the college's policy that pupils are permitted to wear a wrist watch and one plain ear stud in the ear. No other jewellery is permitted. Discreet clear retainers must be worn in facial piercings. Jewellery worn in line with the school policy must be removed for PE and other sporting activities.

Hair

It is the college's policy that pupils' hair should be kept neat and tidy. Hair colour should be naturally occurring. Hair styles that the college considers to be exaggerated or excessive will not be permitted. Long hair should be tied back for all practical work including PE, HE and TD.

Make Up

It is the college's policy that pupils are not permitted to wear make up, false eye lashes, nail polish or any kind of gel / artificial nails.

Tattoos

It is illegal to have a tattoo if you are under the age of 18. It is also the college's policy that pupils are not permitted to have any visible tattoos.

Badges and Emblems

It is the college's policy that only badges and emblems associated with college clubs and achievements can be worn on the uniform by students. Badges and emblems representing charities approved by the college may also be worn. In such instances, they should be attached safely to the lapel of the college blazer.

Coats and Outdoor Wear

Coats and gloves should be removed when in the college building and should be stored safely, either in pupil's school bag or locker throughout the college day, unless needed for break / lunchtime outdoor recreation. Whilst college regulation scarves can be worn in the building, in the interests of health and safety, they must be removed for all practical activities.

Suppliers

Our college uniform can be obtained from:

- Roberts School Wear, 24 Central Avenue, Bangor (Tel: 02891270516)
- Gowdy's, 121-131 Woodstock Road, Belfast (Tel: 02890732427)
- David Crawford, 1 Conway Square, Newtownards (Tel: 02890 481497)
- Focus Menswear, 114 High Street, Bangor, BT20 5BB (02891 271818)
- Schooldays, 16 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NT (Tel: 02890 471995)
2 High Street, Newtownards, BT23 4JL (Tel: 02891 827717)

Summer School Shirts are only available from Roberts School Wear and Gowdy's.

PE uniform is currently available from Uniform Store NI, High Street, Newtownards. Other retailers may stock a limited supply.

You may be entitled to a grant towards the cost of a college uniform. Please contact the Education Authority directly for further information (Tel: 02890566200)

Additional Items of Uniform for Practical Subjects

- Technology and HE - these subject requires pupils to wear an apron for practical work, which are made available directly from the college.

Appendix 1 Additional Information on Footwear

The images below give examples of items that **ARE ACCEPTABLE** footwear:



The images below give examples of items that are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** footwear:



Appendix 2: Additional Information on Outdoor Coats

These are examples of acceptable outdoor coats - black, navy, grey outdoor coat. Fabric should be rain / showerproof and thick enough for warmth in bad weather. It should provide room for the college blazer to be worn underneath.



These are examples of items that are NOT ACCEPTABLE - No contrasting stripes, panels, logos or emblems. No brightly coloured coats, track tops, hoodies or sports jackets



