

School Uniform Consultation Report (2026)

Quantitative Summary of Pupil and Parental Survey

Overview

A total of 119 parent responses and 181 pupil responses were received, representing a strong cross-section of the school community. The findings provide a robust basis for reviewing the uniform policy in line with the NI Uniform Guidance 2026.

Key Findings

Overall, between 70–80% of parents expressed positive views about the school uniform.

Key strengths identified include:

- High levels of inclusivity
- Easy access to generic uniform items
- A supportive and understanding school ethos

Pupils identified a number of positive aspects of the current school uniform. Many pupils recognised that the uniform supports a strong sense of school identity, helping them to look smart and feel part of the school community. There was also an appreciation that wearing uniform promotes equality by reducing pressure to wear fashionable or branded clothing. In addition, pupils noted the practical benefit of uniform in simplifying daily routines, making it easier to get ready for school each morning. The PE kit was consistently highlighted as a particular strength, with pupils describing it as comfortable, practical and well suited to movement.

2. Headline Quantitative Findings - PARENTS

Area	% Positive (Agree/Strongly Agree)
Overall satisfaction with uniform	72%
Uniform supports attendance (no discouragement)	76%
Uniform is practical for school life	80%
Maintenance is easy	78%
Gender equality in options	74%
Cultural/religious inclusivity	82%
Generic items easily sourced	85%
Staff sensitivity/support	84%

Headline Quantitative Findings - PUPILS

Area	% Positive (Agree/Strongly Agree)
Support for having a school uniform	65-70%
Overall satisfaction with uniform	55-60%
Uniform comfort (non-PE)	45-50%
Preference for PE kit comfort	85-90%
Support for having PE kit	90%
Preference for wearing PE kit more often	75%

Areas for Development

While overall feedback is strongly positive, a small number of targeted improvements were suggested:

- Around 60% of parent respondents wished to see a reduction in compulsory branded items, particularly in relation to the PE kit.
- Around 50% of parents and pupils raised concerns on the quality, durability and comfort of uniforms.
- Although 65% of parents responded positively about the school's second hand uniform shop, there were some suggestions for improvement including more regular access

Conclusion

The findings reflect a supportive parent and pupil body. Most families are satisfied with the current uniform and are not seeking significant changes.

Next steps

The Senior Leadership Team will:

- Review PE kit requirements
- Review number of branded items
- Provide feedback to uniform suppliers regarding comfort and durability
- Review second-hand uniform availability (UNICycle)

An updated uniform policy is expected to be finalised by June 2026.