## Shimna Integrated College - Uniform Policy - June 2023

## 1. Introduction

We are very proud of our uniform, which was originally designed by the founding parents, and which has been reviewed regularly through the years by succeeding generations of students, parents and governors. You can view the College's uniform policy here.

Our uniform is gender neutral and offers a degree of choice to students within an identifiable uniform which aims to promote equality across the College.
This is designed to ensure that all students of every age, shape, size, gender, sexual orientation and socio-economic background will find the uniform comfortable and accessible, and be able to represent the College positively.

Because we are proud of our students and of our uniform, we expect students to wear the official College uniform at all times during school hours, on journeys to and from school and at school functions. We also expect students to wear the PE uniform for PE sessions and relevant events outside school hours.

We rely on the support of parents/carers to ensure that all our students wear the full, correct uniform and appreciate your support in ensuring that all our students take pride in the Shimna uniform.

## 2. Our suppliers

We have five suppliers across the district which provide key uniform pieces.
Unbranded items of clothing such as white shirts and straight and pleated skirts in school grey may be sourced elsewhere.

- Bingham's, Newcastle
- Rhoda Stewart, Ballynahinch
- Holmes, Kilkeel
- McKenny's, Castlewellan
- Donaghy's, Downpatrick


## 3. Our uniform

Please note that any required adjustments to uniform items due to cultural, religious, gender or sensitivity reasons may be brought to the attention of the Principal for consideration.

The full uniform can be viewed on our website.

## Years 8-12

- White shirt with Shimna tie
- Shimna blazer
- Shimna grey jumper/Shimna grey cardigan/Shimna quarter zip top
- Mid-grey trousers/pleated skirt/straight skirt
- Grey/black/white socks
- Black/navy tights
- Black footwear
- Shimna scarf (optional)


## 6th Form

- White shirt with Shimna tie
- Shimna blazer
- Shimna navy jumper/Shimna navy cardigan/Shimna quarter zip top
- Mid-grey or black trousers/pleated skirt/straight skirt
- Grey/black/white socks
- Black/navy tights
- Black footwear
- Shimna scarf (optional)


## 4. Sports Uniform

- Shimna sports top
- Navy Shimna skort/navy Shimna shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms/navy leggings
- Gum shield
- Trainers/Football boots

Note: on PE days, students will be required to change back into their uniform. However, if PE is their last class of the day, they will be permitted to stay in their PE uniform.

## 5. Jewellery

In line with health and safety advice and insurance purposes, it is important to limit the potential for injury regarding jewellery. This policy therefore allows:

Piercings: ear/nose piercings only. All piercings must be flat/studded only, and must be removable. No other facial jewellery is permitted.

Rings: Must be removable.
All jewellery must be removed for all practical subjects, and safely stored by the students.

