

# Lisnagarvey High School

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*School Values*  
*Mutual Respect*  
*Success for All*  
*Meeting the Needs of Individuals*  
*Caring and Responsible*

Principal – Jim Sheerin

Ref JPS/CB/LK *JPS*

June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we move forward into a normal school year, we seek to ensure our students reach for the highest standards in all aspects of their school lives. We continue to support each student, meet their needs and help them to achieve their personal best. Following the recent consultations on our uniform policy, it was overwhelmingly in support of how smart our uniform is when worn correctly, and the desire to continue having a school uniform for students at Lisnagarvey.

**Uniform** - In accordance with our Uniform Policy, from June 2026, all school shoes will have to be plain black leather type shoes. An important part of the consultation with both parents and pupils has facilitated a change whereby all black leather trainers can be included as appropriate footwear. Please see the updated support sheet which outlines recommended styles, as well as those that should not be purchased. It is important that the correct footwear is worn. The updated school uniform policy can be found on the school website.

**If a pupil does not have the correct footwear or has other uniform issues on their first day of school, they will be sent home until they are able to conform to the school dress code. In addition, if pupils do not meet our dress code at any time during the rest of the school year, they will be withdrawn from class to work separately.**

Our present aim is to ensure that all Parent/Guardians have the appropriate time to ensure that when purchasing uniform, and more importantly shoes, the correct decisions are made.

We are also contacting retailers who stock our uniform, McCalls, requesting that they notify parents that Converse-style shoes will not be accepted in Lisnagarvey High School. Following on from the consultation, there are items of our uniform which can be purchased from high street stores; however, they must continue to meet our uniform expectations.

Please note the following:

Uniform Aspect	Established Uniform Guidelines (to be adhered to if possible)	Unacceptable (action will be taken)
Hoodies	Students should wear a school hoodie, school ¼ zip, school jumper or school cardigan over their shirt and tie.	Non-school hoodies or jumpers of other colours are unacceptable (if worn, these items will be confiscated).
Coats	Coats are a part of outdoor uniform and can be worn by all students only when outside.	Coats may not be worn in place of hoodies under blazers and cannot be worn inside (if worn, these items will be confiscated).
Shoes	Students should wear sturdy, waterproof, black 'leather' shoes.	No bright trainers should be worn. No mesh/cloth shoes should be worn. No Logos should be visible on shoes. (Students without School Shoes will be withdrawn from classes).

The following rules must be adhered to by all students:

- Proper school shirt and tie must be worn at all times, including under any school jumper or school hoodie.
- Hoods may not be worn up over the head at any time when inside the building, and all hoodies worn in this manner (even school ones) will be confiscated if this is not adhered to. This policy is due to Safeguarding and Child Protection, and the effective use of CCTV cameras around the school.

For more than a decade the school has been in the top category for exam performance in secondary schools in Northern Ireland. This process begins by defining our standards and aspirations for Lisnagarvey pupils.

Please remind your child of our school uniform policy and we ask for your support in ensuring your child is adhering to this policy. I would like to thank you for your help regarding this matter, and we appreciate your ongoing support as we look to improving the school in ways which lead to pride, better presentation and ultimately greater development of our young people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Sheerin', written in a cursive style.

Principal  
J Sheerin