

Dear Parent/Guardian

June 2026

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM PROJECT**

This summer local churches are working together with ROC Ballybeen for the sixth year to collect and distribute pre-loved school uniforms. Last year over 200 children received items of uniform, while excess items were returned to schools and passed on via other channels to provide further help. Thank you to everyone who donated and to all who helped in any way.

Children often outgrow uniforms which are still in good condition. As you know, uniforms are expensive so it makes sense that these would be passed on to others who can use them. This also helps the environment by cutting down on waste.

The project covers all schools located in Dundonald: Brooklands & Dundonald Primary Schools, along with their nurseries, Longstone, Tor Bank and Dundonald High School.

We would be grateful for donations of the following items (washed and in good condition):

- skirts & dresses
- trousers & shorts
- shirts & polo-shirts
- jumpers
- school ties
- school coats
- PE kits

Due to hygiene reasons, we cannot accept socks and tights (unless new). Please do not donate personalised items or leavers' hoodies.

### **Donating items**

If you have any items to donate, please bring them to school between **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** and leave them **in the foyer at the main entrance, thank you.**

You can also drop off items at Christ Church Presbyterian on Millars Lane/Enler Park West, Dundonald on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 7-8pm and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10-11am.

### **Receiving items**

Items will be sorted by volunteers and available for collection from:

- Christ Church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm to 7pm
- Dundonald Methodist Church (Islay Gardens) on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 3pm to 7pm.

*Please note the different location for the August date.*

There are no criteria to receive uniforms, it is open to anyone who wishes to use the service. We are expecting to get lots in from the school collections so don't be afraid to come and take anything you can use.

We will again be collecting voluntary cash donations for Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. If you wish, there will be an opportunity to give when you are collecting items but you do not need to give anything to receive uniforms.



### **Volunteering**

If you would be interested in helping with sorting or giving out uniforms during any of the above times, please email [dundonalduniforms@gmail.com](mailto:dundonalduniforms@gmail.com)

For further information and updates, please search for the 'ROC Ballybeen' page on Facebook.

Many thanks for your help.

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