



Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see Selkirk High School uniform details, our rationale and available support below.

The Selkirk High School Uniform

All pupils should arrive at school smartly dressed and ready to work

- A white shirt and school tie tied at the top
- A plain black V-neck jumper. cardigan or black sweatshirt- not hoodies*
- Black tailored trousers or skirt- not jeans or leggings
- Smart, sensible, black school shoes
- Encouraged – black school jacket

*Pupils wearing outdoor clothing are expected to change on arrival



At Selkirk High School we are striving to set the highest standards.

The uniform is a constant visual reminder of these high standards. It is aspirational. It represents our united effort to be the best we can be. It represents the pride we have in our school and our belief in every young person's unique and magnificent potential, regardless of their background and ability. It can give young people confidence, self-belief and a sense of belonging. Students also tell us that the uniform shows that everyone is equal and helps prevent prejudice based on appearance.

We would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the school uniform. It is an indirect but significant factor in the school's ethos and success.



- **NU2U Recycling Opportunity:** in partnership with *Rowlands*, the school is creating a free clothes/kit recycling opportunity - please phone the school for details
- If there is a particular reason preventing your child from wearing the school uniform, please contact the school or provide a note.
- You may be entitled to support for School Clothing and/or School Meals- Please see overleaf or contact the school to check!

Free school meals and help with schoolwear

SBC can provide children with free school meals and financial assistance towards the purchase of school clothing. The current amount payable is £70 per qualifying child.

All children in primary one to three are automatically eligible for a free school meal. For all other children to qualify in 2017/18, you must meet one of the following criteria.

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| <p>School clothing and footwear grant</p> <p>Income Support Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance Working Tax Credit and/or maximum Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,105 Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Universal Credit</p> <p>The clothing grant is only paid once per child per school year between August and the following March.</p> | <p>Free school meals</p> <p>Income Support Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an annual income less than £16,105 Both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit with an annual income less than £6,420 Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Universal Credit with a monthly income less than £610</p> |
| <p>How to apply or renew</p> <p>If you are renewing you will need your claim number from your renewal letter.</p> <p>Fill out the online application form : Download and print the application form and return it to your local contact centre.</p> <p>Apply for or renew free school meals and clothing grants</p> <p>Customer Advice and Support Service Telephone: 0300 100 1800 Address: Council Headquarters Newtown St. Boswells Melrose TD6 0SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Customer Advice and Support Service <p>Visit your local office</p> | <p>EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE</p> <p>An EMA has been available to eligible young people remaining in full time education beyond the statutory leaving age of 16. It is a weekly payment made directly to the young person from a family whose annual household income is £22,403 or less.</p> <p>Payments will only be made if the pupil has satisfied attendance requirements. Pupils must complete a learning agreement. Information and application forms are available from the school office.</p> |

