



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill  
Notice of Amendments tabled on  
23 September 2025 for Further Consideration Stage

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Clause 3, Page 3, Line 18

At end insert—

‘(2) Guidelines under this Chapter must include provision requiring all schools to offer every pupil the option of wearing shorts of a specific style or styles as part of school uniform for all sporting or leisure activities or occasions, and trousers of a specific style or styles as part of school uniform on all other occasions.’

*Ms Claire Sugden*

Clause 3, Page 3, Line 18

At end insert—

‘(2) In particular, guidelines under this Chapter must include provision stating that school uniform policies may not require more than four items of clothing which bear school-specific features.

(3) Guidelines under this Chapter must further include provision prohibiting school uniform policies from requiring school-specific features on any shirt, blouse, trousers, skirts, tights, socks or shoes.

(4) For the purposes of this section, an item of clothing bears school-specific features if it is—

- (a) branded with a crest, logo, motto, emblem, marking or name which is distinctive to the school,
- (b) of a particular make, style, combination or fabric, or
- (c) otherwise identifiable as a distinctive element of the school uniform.

(5) Guidelines under this Chapter must, where practicable, include provision requiring school uniform policies to permit the application of badges, emblems or markings to generic items of clothing as an alternative to items of clothing bearing school-specific features.’

*Mr Pat Sheehan*