



Uniform Policy

Rationale

- The School Uniform reflects a sense of belonging to a school community and therefore it is our aim that each pupil would take pride in their appearance in full school uniform.
- The school uniform reduces costs for parents who might otherwise be under pressure to dress their children according to the current fashion trends.
- As pupils wear a common uniform there is less to distract pupils from learning and valuable school time is not wasted with staff having to decide whether items of clothing/accessories are appropriate or not.
- A school uniform reinforces pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.

Convent Primary School's Uniform

The Convent Primary School uniform is comprised of the following: - Navy cardigan, navy pinafore dress or knee length navy skirt, white shirt/blouse, red tie, navy knee high socks/tights. Navy tailored school trousers may be worn in lieu of the skirt/pinafore. Leggings are not allowed. White knee length socks may be worn in Summer. Pupils are required to wear the school tracksuit for P.E. days or school trips but it cannot be worn as an alternative to the school uniform at other times. Parents will be informed of 'tracksuit days' at the start of the school year. The school tracksuit can be purchased from Fine Rags in Killaloe.

Optional: Plain navy tailored shorts during warm weather. Please note the following:

- Pupils may not combine elements of the tracksuit uniform with the main school uniform
- Tracksuits/ jumpers etc. bearing any logo other than the school crest are not permitted
- Pupils are not allowed to wear hoodies or other garments over their school uniform in the classrooms or school hall
- All pupils must wear footwear suitable for the prevailing weather conditions and suitable for playground activities. UGG style boots are not permitted to be worn as part of the school uniform.

In order to respect the integrity of the uniform and limit time-wasting arbitration by staff on the suitability of items of clothing, pupils and parents are asked to observe the school policy on uniform.

In accordance with the policy, the only items of jewellery students are permitted to wear are:

- One stud type earring in each ear is permitted to be worn
- A watch

For safety reasons earrings are not permitted in the higher part of the ear. Nose rings and other unsafe piercings are strictly forbidden. All pupils are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition. Parents are advised that long hair should be 'tied back' to reduce risk of spreading or contracting headlice. Extremes of hair colour and style, as determined by school management will not be allowed. Cosmetics and false nails are strictly forbidden.

Roles & Responsibilities

Pupils & Parents:

- The correct uniform must be worn at all times.
- Pupils must be neat and tidy in their appearance.
- All items belonging to a pupil must be clearly marked.
- A note from parents must explain incomplete uniform or explain any deviation from the uniform policy on medical or other exceptional grounds.

School Staff:

- Teachers shall monitor school uniform daily.
- Uniform checks by the Principal/Deputy Principal shall take place regularly.
- Pupils who are not in full uniform will be subject to disciplinary action.

Success criteria

We will know that the policy is effective when the correct full school uniform is worn each day.

Timeframe for Review

This policy will be reviewed in 2023 or earlier if deemed necessary.

Ratification

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Chairperson, BOM)