

Uniform Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all students of the school. It aims to define correct dress code for the student population.

Rationale

Wearing the uniform is a school rule. The uniform exists because:

1. It educates students on socially acceptable dress codes
2. It is more economical for parents
3. It prevents expensive or hurtful competition
4. It eliminates a possible cause of bullying
5. Compliance with school requirements on uniform reduces conflict and ensures that efforts are concentrated on teaching and learning.

Each student has the responsibility to be dressed in uniform only, while in school. It should be clean and neat.

The Junior Uniform

- Maroon V-Neck Jumper with Crest
- White shirt – at least four needed
- Tartan **knee length** skirt [It may be necessary to purchase a skirt an inch or two longer than this to allow for growth during the year.]
- Maroon socks or maroon, black or navy tights
- Black soft-soled shoes or black runners
- Maroon jacket with crest. **(the only jacket to be worn in school building.)**
- Maroon Blazer with school crest (optional).

The Senior Uniform

- Black, white and red tartan **knee length** skirt [as above]
- White shirt – at least four needed
- Black V-neck jumper with red trim and crest
- Black socks or tights
- Black soft-soled shoes or black runners
- Black jacket with crest. **(the only jacket to be worn in school building.)**
- Black Blazer with school crest.

Skirt Length

Two uniform lengths are now available. As a student grows, it is expected that parents will continue to ensure that their daughters adhere to skirt length. Staff in the Schoolwear Centre, Tuam will advise you on required length. It is expected that students buy a new skirt each year.

Sports Uniform

- Navy (plain) tracksuit pants
- White polo shirt
- Suitable runners

Jewellery

Jewellery must be discreet as determined by the Principal and in keeping with school ethos and dress code. It is recommended that jewellery should be small, unobtrusive and not pose a hazard. With regard for health & safety, facial (including retainers) or tongue piercings and large or long earrings are not allowed during school time. Students may wear one pair only of stud earrings, one in each ear.

Make-Up

Students may not wear make-up to school. (This includes fake tan.)

Parent and Student Procedure

Parents/Guardians have the responsibility to provide the full school uniform as stated below for their daughter(s) and to insist they wear it.

- The student's name should be marked on all items of uniform
- Parents need to ensure that students have comfortable and safe uniform footwear.
- Parents should ensure that school skirt is the appropriate length. Students will be sent home if skirt length is too short.
- A student wears her uniform in school for more than 35 hours every week along with several more hours coming and going to and from school. Every student should have two uniform outfits. New skirts must be purchased each year as students grow. Excuses and notes from parents that result from having only one uniform which is in the wash etc. are not acceptable and students will be supplied with a replacement at school for the day.
- Any student who is too ill to wear her full uniform in school must produce a medical cert to this effect.
- Students may be asked not to attend classes if not in full uniform.
- Students will be sent home immediately if co-operation in this area is not forthcoming.

School Management has the responsibility to

- devise a suitable school uniform and to review it annually
- to monitor the dress code in the school on a day-to-day basis
- to inform parents when their daughter is repeatedly in breach of this school rule

School Procedure

1. Students out of uniform are made known to the Principal.
2. Students are allowed to wear their uniform jacket in class if they so wish. Non-uniform jackets, scarves etc. are not allowed to be worn.
3. If a student is missing a uniform item and if the school has a garment that fits, the student may be loaned the necessary garment for the day to return to class.
4. If a student refuses to wear a school garment she will be sent home.
5. All parents' notes are filed with Year Head and a record is kept of infringements.