



ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL
Greystones, Co Wicklow

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SCHOOL UNIFORM



Policy

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1. Introduction

Our school introduced a uniform in 2002, the benefits of which include

- support of school community identity and team spirit
- reduced daily concerns about what to wear to school
- less peer pressure regarding clothes.

The uniform is considered to be a central element of the presentation of our school identity, both within the school and in the wider community.

2. School crest / logo

The school logo is incorporated into the uniform as a school crest. The image is based on a piece entitled 'Window of life and tree of opportunity' painted by a past pupil of the school while in Sixth Class.

3. Elements of the uniform

The uniform includes a wide range of optional components of the uniform, which is considered to be

- comfortable
- informal
- supportive of a positive and attractive school identity.

Parents may choose from the following items:

- blue fleece jacket (with school crest)
- blue hooded top (with school crest)
- blue rugby shirt (with school crest)
- blue tracksuit top (with school crest)
- white polo shirt (generic)

These 'tops' may be teamed with

- **navy blue** trousers (leggings may be worn up to 4th Class)
- **navy blue** skirt or pinafore (with **navy blue** tights or socks)
- **navy blue** shorts (with **navy blue** socks) in warm weather.

All 'official' elements of the uniform that include the school crest are available at Schoolwear House, Tesco Shopping Centre, Greystones (www.schoolwearhouse.ie).

4. General presentation

Within the school uniform policy, parents are asked to support a small number of other elements of general presentation that also have health and safety implications. They are that

- **hair** should be neat and tidy (long hair tied up)
- **jewellery** is discouraged (pupils may wear stud earrings)

5. Housekeeping matters

To help to keep track of lost and found uniforms, it is essential that all clothes are clearly labelled with the owner's name. The busy school day does not allow for lengthy searches for owners of unidentified clothes.

Parents are asked to take extra care

- a) to mark clothes clearly (and in a place that can be quickly and easily found)
- b) to check that children are bringing home their own clothes.

On behalf of your fellow parents, please do a regular check on your family's name tags. If you find an item that does not belong to your child, send it back to school where we are happy to return it to its rightful owner.

6. Roles and responsibilities

The Principal is responsible for overseeing the implementation of all school policies, on behalf of the Board of Management. All teachers monitor school uniform within their individual classes.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the uniform to school, and that the general presentation elements of the policy are supported.

7. Implementation date

This policy applies from the date of ratification of the policy, and thereafter.

8. Timetable for review

The operation of this policy and related procedures will be reviewed and, if necessary, amended in 2025, or at an earlier date, if deemed necessary by the Board of Management.

9. Ratification and communication

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management and was made available to staff and parents immediately thereafter through the school web site and office.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Canon David Mungavin

Rachel Harper

Chairperson Board of Management

Principal

Date: _____ Date: _____