

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction and Rationale

This policy was updated by staff and Board of Management in September 2021.

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Drimoleague National School, or when participating in school-organised events. A neat and tidy uniform helps our pupils understand the importance of presentation and promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It is the belief of the school that pupils wearing a school uniform helps to re-inforce positive behaviour and therefore contributes to more effective learning and teaching.

The wearing of non-uniform items can often put undue pressure on other pupils and parents to accede to current fashion trends and can prove to be a distraction for other pupils from their learning in class. A standard and neutral uniform ensures that the main focus of the school day remains on the learning and teaching.

This policy adheres to the measures and recommendations as set out in Circular 32/2017, in relation to the use of generic school uniforms and the use of crests.

Official School Uniform

The following is the school uniform in Drimoleague National School.

Girls

- Navy skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Navy knitted jumper or cardigan
- Plain white polo shirt or shirt
- Red tie
- Dark shoes
- Plain navy shorts (June and September)
- Plain navy fleece (during the winter months)



Boys

- Grey trousers
- Grey knitted jumper
- Grey shirt
- Red tie
- Dark shoes
- Plain grey shorts (June and September)
- Plain grey fleece (during the winter months)



The following is the PE uniform for both boys and girls

- Non-branded plain navy tracksuit bottom
- Non-branded navy sweatshirt
- Plain white polo t-shirt
- Comfortable plain runners



Only the items of clothing mentioned above are permitted as part of our school uniform. The following are examples of items that are **not permitted** as part of our uniform

- Jeans
- Hoodies of any type
- Leggings
- Branded tracksuit bottoms or sweatshirts

Summer and Winter Clothing

During periods of warm weather, the school will permit the wearing of shorts in June and September. Shorts can only be plain grey for boys and plain navy for girls and be non-branded to match our regular uniform. Only school uniform t-shirts can be worn during warm weather.

On occasion, during the winter, it may be necessary for children to wear extra layers. We recommend that parents purchase a base layer to be worn next to the skin. We also permit a plain navy (for girls) or grey (for boys) fleece which can be worn in class during the day. Again, these must be non-branded. This is to avoid children wearing jackets in class. Children may leave their fleece in school, if they wish, during the week and should take them home at the weekend.

School Uniform Rules

- All children are expected to wear their school uniform everyday, including their tie.
- On PE days, children are expected to wear their PE uniform.
- If a child comes to school without their uniform and has a genuine excuse, parents should send in a note of explanation to the class teacher.
- Parents of children who have not been wearing their full school uniform on three or more days, without a reason, will receive a text from the school informing them and reminding them of our school uniform policy. Consistent breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with under our Code of Behaviour.
- 6th class pupils are expected to wear their uniforms until the end of 6th class. Pupils 'growing out' of their uniform is not considered an acceptable reason for non-uniform wearing.
- Children wearing uncomfortable or unsuitable clothing during PE class may be removed from activities for health and safety reasons.
- In cases of a child being unable to wear a uniform due to sensory issues or a medical condition, the school will require this information to be explicitly stated in a report from a qualified professional

(psychologist, psychiatrist, occupational therapist) along with details of the assessment or assessments conducted. The parents of the child in question are required to write a letter to the Board of Management seeking an exemption to the uniform policy and stating the reasons why along with evidence from a professional. The Principal and board will consider any request for an exception to be made on the grounds of SEN, medical condition or gender.

- From time to time, children may be permitted to wear clothing which is not part of the school uniform, such as dress-up days or no-uniform days. These are often used as fundraisers for worthwhile charities by the school. On these days, it is expected that children come to school wearing clothing that is appropriate for a school setting.

Jewellery, Make-Up and Hairstyles

- The only jewellery permitted in the school is wrist watches or earring studs in pierced ears. Nose studs, rings or any other pieces of jewellery are not allowed. Neck jewellery is only allowed if it is placed inside clothing next to the skin and not visible.
- Make-up of any type is not permitted as it is considered inappropriate for a school setting.
- No unconventional haircuts/styles, including a grade zero head shave, hair dye, are permitted.
- Tattoos, including temporary ones are not allowed.

The Role of Parents

Our school uniform is very cost effective for parents and can be purchased in any of the high street retailers or in local clothes shops. We do not currently intend on including a crest as part of our uniform which can add to the cost of school uniforms. Considering simplicity of our school uniform and its availability in shops, there is an expectation on the part of the school that parents will support us in implementing our school uniform policy and in ensuring that children have the correct uniform at all times.

Parents should ensure that all jumpers, sweaters or cardigans belonging to their child are labelled with their name.

Communication

This policy is available on our school website. It is communicated to parents prior to their child's enrolment. Any minor modifications are communicated to parents.

Ratification and Review

This School Uniform Policy was reviewed and adopted by the Board of Management on October 20th 2021. It will be reviewed in three years time or when the need arises.