

St Conleth and Mary's

School Uniform Policy

Introduction:

The School Uniform policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy adopted in St Conleth and Marys. It was drawn up in consultation with parents, school staff and Board of Management in June 2020. Parents should ensure that students comply with the standards laid out in the policy in matters of general appearance, dress and hairstyles at all times during the school term.

Rationale:

- 1. Uniforms and team kit can help our pupils to demonstrate the pride they feel about being part of the St Conleth and Mary's school community. It is a visible reminder that we work towards shared goals and it reinforces our code of behaviour.**
- 2. Parents and visitors to the school agree that children look smart and neat in their school uniform.**
- 3. Uniforms help to ensure equality and they eliminate the stress placed on pupils to wear expensive, fashionable clothing**
- 4. Parents find a school uniform to be quite economical.**
- 5. A school uniform helps create a school identity.**
- 6. With all students dressed the same, it is easy to identify other members of our school community or strangers.**
- 7. A school uniform establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image that St Conleth and Mary's wishes to present.**
- 8. A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.**
- 9. A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom . Putting on a uniform is a signal that you are ready to work hard and learn while you are in school.**
- 10. Many jobs require staff to adhere to a dress code or to wear a uniform. Wearing a uniform for school helps children to understand that smart dress and taking pride in your appearance is important.**

Uniform Details:

Girls	Boys
White shirt	White shirt
Grey skirt/trousers	Grey trousers
Blue striped tie	Blue striped tie
Grey school jumper	Grey school jumper
School tracksuit (with white polo shirt)	School tracksuit (with white polo shirt)
Practical, comfortable, dark coloured footwear	Practical, comfortable, dark coloured footwear

Wearing of school uniform:

The school uniform should be worn on all days except those specified by the class teacher or the Principal. Children will always be told in advance if they are not required to wear their uniform. The complete uniform, including the tie, must be worn. Pupils may not combine the PE uniform with the formal school uniform. On warm days, pupils may be given permission to wear modest, plain shorts with their white polo shirt. They will always be informed of this decision in advance.

Wearing of school tracksuit:

School tracksuit is not an acceptable uniform every day. It is only to be worn on PE days which the children will be made aware of in advance by their teacher, on days when the children are going swimming, on days where the children have school sports training during or after school or on days/events specified by the class teacher or the school principal. A white polo shirt must be worn with the school tracksuit. Sports Jerseys or regular t-shirts are not permitted.

Hair:

- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition.
- Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice within classrooms.
- Extremes of hair colour and style are not permitted. Hair should be a single, natural colour without shaved patterns.

Jewellery/accessories:

- Only stud earring and watches may be worn.
- No make up, long nails or false nails are allowed.
- The wearing of false tan is not permitted.

Labelling:

- Parents should ensure that all items, including coats and jackets, are labelled with their child's name. A pen or a formal label can be used for this purpose. Labelling is particularly important when the children are going swimming.

Implementation and Sanctions:

- Staff members will check uniforms regularly
- Students will be asked to remove make-up or inappropriate jewellery.
- If pupils fail to wear their school tie, they will be given one from a classroom supply which must be returned at the end of the day.
- Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.
- In line with our school ethos of positive disciplinary techniques, spot checks will be carried out regularly and children wearing the correct uniform at the time will be rewarded.
- Children who repeatedly ignore the school's uniform policy will be reprimanded as per the coloured card system in the school's Code of Behaviour.

On a first transgression the pupil will receive a verbal warning from the class teacher. A record of uniform related warnings will be kept on a standardised grid in the classroom. A second transgression will warrant a yellow card.

A pupil who comes to school with shaved or dyed hair, or with facial piercings will be given an orange card immediately.

The school uniform may be bought from Kidstuff, George's Street, Newbridge or The Back to School Store, Cutlery Road, Newbridge.

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