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Rationale

Following a collaborative process between the staff, the Board and parents' representatives of the school, this uniform policy is set out in order to:

1. reaffirm the Board's commitment to the safety, protection and welfare of every child in our school;
2. formally outline the reasons for a school uniform and confirm its importance;
3. provide clear direction and guidance to parents and staff so that breaches can be addressed in a fair and consistent manner;
4. create a clear and separate uniform policy, by updating the information contained within the school's Code of Behaviour.

Aims and Objectives

- It is the policy of the school that all pupils wear a uniform during school activities. This includes time spent on the premises before and after class.
- The wearing of a uniform helps to promote a positive image for the school.
- It contributes to the development of a sense of pride in the school.
- The wearing of a uniform prevents competition among pupils in the matter of dress and therefore reduces costs for parents/guardians.
- The wearing of a uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.
- The wearing of a uniform contributes to health and safety by ensuring all uniform items will not cause harm or injury.
- It makes pupils recognisable as members of the school and ensures that pupils are easily identified outside the school on school trips and at sporting or other events.

Uniform Details

The school uniform is as follows:

Girls:

The girls' uniform consists of a white/grey shirt, wine tie, and one of two options:

- a) wine/grey skirt/pinafore with grey/wine jumper/cardigan ;
- b) grey slacks with wine jumper/cardigan.

Boys:

The boys' uniform consists of a grey/white shirt, wine tie, wine jumper and grey slacks.

We recommend that jumpers are crested. In order to keep the cost down, individual crests will be available for purchase from the school. This will enable parents to purchase generic jumpers and sew crests on themselves.

Tracksuit:

The sports uniform is a wine tracksuit with crested top. For boys, a grey polo t-shirt should be worn and for girls, a white/grey polo t-shirt.

The school tracksuit is only to be worn on P.E. days, on school outings or on occasions designated by principal/teacher.

N.B. From September 2014, and on a trial basis, Junior and Senior Infants classes only will be able to wear tracksuits or uniform at the parent's discretion. This trial aims to support these pupils in learning to dress themselves independently without difficult buttons or zips.

Footwear:

Plain well-fitting low-heeled dark footwear to be worn with school uniform. Runners worn with tracksuit should be either black or white only. To assist parents, "plain" will mean more than 90% black or white. The children will not be required to wear slippers for the coming year.

Jewellery:

The only visible jewellery allowed is a watch and/or stud ear-rings. Any other jewellery worn must be hidden under uniform/tracksuit. Medical bracelets can be worn but the principal must be made aware of these for school records.

Hair and Grooming:

Make-up is not to be worn during school times. We encourage hairstyles to be kept neat and conventional. It is expected that hair be kept a natural colour. Extreme contrasts are not acceptable.

it is expected that all students keep their hair clean and neat every day.

Acceptable and appropriate styles are as follows:

- Hair is not to be cut any shorter than a number 2 blade. and should not have tracks, lines or designs cut into it.
- Shorter hair at the back and sides must be blended gradually into the longer hair on top.
- At the back, hair must be cut evenly and clearly above the collar.
- Long hair must be tied back for hygiene purposes.
- All styles, both long and short, must be clear of the face/off the face with loose hair pinned/tied back.

Notes

- The wearing of a uniform is compulsory in school and at school related activities unless otherwise specified.
- Uniform should be clean and neat at all times.
- In the event of a dispute regarding the acceptability of a pupil's uniform, the school authority is the arbiter, subject to the Board of Management.
- T-shirts/shirts with stripes, logos or team shirts are not acceptable.
- Coats, jackets and other non-uniform items may not be worn in class, class related activities or in the school building.

Breaches of the Uniform Policy will be dealt with under the Code of Behaviour.

Monitoring & Review

The implementation of this policy will be monitored by the Board on an on-going basis. It will be reviewed by the Board annually in order to maintain an integrated and inclusive approach, taking into account school resources, changes in legislation, DES regulations, the needs of pupils and the changing profile of our community. In order to ensure that parents/guardians are included in the decisions affecting the costs of sending their children to school, the Parents' Association will maintain and agree the relationships with uniform suppliers and ensure that uniforms are available at an acceptable quality and for the best price.

The Parents' Association will provide the Board with a report on their annual uniform process to inform the Uniform Policy review. The supplier details, including price list are attached to this policy as Appendix 1.

This policy will be circulated to all school staff, members of the Board and volunteers and will be readily accessible to parents/guardians.