



School Uniform Policy

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Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/ daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform and that a high standard of uniform dress is maintained.

Rationale For School Uniform:

1. A school uniform reflects a sense of belonging to a school community and therefore it is our aim that each pupil would take pride in their appearance in full school uniform.
2. Parents and visitors to the school agree that children look smart and neat in their school uniform.
3. School uniform is about equality, one of our Mercy Values - all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.
4. Parents find school uniform quite economical.
5. School uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.
6. School uniform enables our pupils to take pride in their school and to have a sense of belonging.
7. A school uniform supports positive behaviour.
8. A school uniform helps create a school identity.
9. A school uniform establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image the Mercy Convent wishes to present.
10. A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.
11. The wearing of uniform indicates acceptance of shared goals and support for the values the Mercy Convent seeks to achieve.
12. A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom.

Girls:

- Navy school skirt (pleated) or navy school pinafore (pleated)
- Navy school unisex, straight legged trousers (*optional*)
- Pale blue (long or short sleeved) shirt
- Navy tie
- Navy knee socks or tights
- Navy v-necked jumper with school crest – (available from Mardec Clothing Ltd., Friary Business Park, Naas (beside Sunny Launderette).
- The wearing of make-up, fake tan and nail varnish is not allowed.
- One pair of earrings may be worn. For safety reasons, stud-type earrings are the only ones allowed to be worn in school and pupils are forbidden from wearing any other facial-piercing studs/ rings at school.

All items of uniform must be free of adornments or fashion embellishment

Boys:

- Navy trousers
- Pale blue shirt (long or short sleeved) and navy tie.
- Navy V-Necked Jumper with school crest

P.E. UNIFORM - (to be worn on P.E. days and only on P.E. days).

- Navy school tracksuit with school crest – bottoms must be cuffed
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Sports runners must be worn with the P.E. uniform.
(*Canvas fashion runners are not appropriate for sporting activities and are not permitted*).
- The tracksuit is not acceptable uniform every day. Outside of PE days it may only be worn in the event of an emergency or on days /events specified by the school principal.
Uniforms are for sale in Mardec Clothing and Richie Whelan's Naas.

Shoes

Black or navy, flat, non-slip shoes or boots.

(Footwear must be worn in a safe manner in the interest of Health and Safety)

Hair:

- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition.
- Hair must be neat and worn back off the face.

Labelling

- Personal belonging should be clearly labelled especially coats, jumpers, PE tracksuit tops and lunch boxes.

Seasonal Variations

Summer Uniform

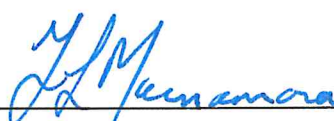
- Pupils may wear navy shorts in warm weather. Shorts to the knees are encouraged.
- Pupils may wear the school polo shirt in extremely warm weather.
- These occasions will be announced by the Principal via the school texting system.

Dress and Appearance – Implementation and Sanctions

- Staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine.
- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification. If the dress code is not adhered to an explanatory notes will be required.
- In the absence of a satisfactory note of explanation and depending on the circumstances, students may be given items of uniform to wear for the day.
- Students will be asked to remove make-up, nail varnish or inappropriate jewellery.
- The school tracksuit and runners are to be worn on P.E day.
- The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts, and trousers in the major stores and from the local suppliers.
- Pupils may NOT combine the PE uniform with the formal school uniform.
- Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

RATIFICATION:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on June 2023.

Signed: 
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: 
Secretary/Principal

Date: 27 June 2023

Date: 27/6/2023

School Uniforms



Dear Parents, please see below information regarding our school uniform. We have two uniforms, one formal one and a PE uniform as per the information and pictures below. Please ensure all items are labelled so they are not lost.

Girls Formal - Navy school skirt (pleated) or navy school pinafore (pleated) - Navy school unisex, straight legged trousers (optional) - Pale blue (long or short sleeved) shirt - Navy tie - Navy knee socks or tights - Navy v-necked jumper with school crest	Boys Formal - Navy pants - Pale blue shirt (long or short sleeved) and navy tie. - Navy V---Necked Jumper - Navy tie - School Crest embroidered on Left of Jumper
Unisex PE Tracksuit - Navy school tracksuit with school crest – bottoms <u>must</u> be cuffed - Pale blue polo shirt - Sports runners must be worn with the P.E. uniform. (Canvas fashion runners are <u>not</u> appropriate for sporting activities and are <u>not</u> permitted). - The tracksuit is not acceptable uniform everyday. Outside of PE days it may only be worn in the event of an emergency or on days /events specified by the school principal.	
School Shoes - Black or navy, flat, non-slip shoes or boots. Black runners can be worn with the formal uniform at the discretion of parents. - On PE days any style runners can be worn.	
Warm Weather Uniform In warm weather pupils are allowed to wear the PE tracksuit with navy shorts to the knee. Parents will be contacted in advance but generally it is the last part of term 3 depending on weather.	
Where to purchase uniforms from?	
Formal School uniform: The following items can be purchased from Mardec Clothing (Friary Business Park, 4 Friary Rd, Naas) - Crested school jumper - Elasticated school tie All other school uniform items skirt, elasticated trousers, pinafore, blouses, polo shirts can also be purchases from Mardec OR Dunnes Stores, Tesco Extra, Marks & Spencer.	P.E. Uniform Crested navy P.E. school uniform can be purchases form Richie Whelan's Menswear (Mainstreet Naas).



Picture

- Girls Formal
- Boys Formal
- PE Uniform
- Summer Uniform

Uniform Pictures



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

These pictures, we hope, will give you a clear outline of the uniform here in the school. The children have the main school uniform but also a PE tracksuit. In June the children can wear shorts which are highlighted in Fig 3. All uniforms must be accompanied with dark shoes. They can be shoes, boots or runners but must be either black or navy. We do not want the children under pressure to have the latest footwear trends or styles.



Fig. 5