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## Newport Convent Primary School



Roll number:04067F

School Uniform Policy

## **Introduction**

The Board of Management of Newport Convent Primary School accepts that the School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their child is equipped with the correct school uniform and maintains a high standard of uniform dress. This Policy has been drawn up through a collaborative process involving all stakeholders and reflects recent initiatives by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to promote cost-cutting for parents regarding school uniforms.

## **Rationale**

A school uniform enables our pupils to take pride in their school, to have a sense of belonging and creates a school identity. It supports positive behaviour and establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image Newport Convent Primary School wishes to present. A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school, and the wearing of uniform indicates acceptance of shared goals and support for the values Newport Convent Primary School seeks to achieve. A common uniform also means less distraction from learning in the classroom.

It is important that our children learn to present themselves appropriately. A neat and tidy school uniform helps children to understand the importance of presentation and helps them develop high self-esteem and confidence.

The highest standard of personal appearance is always expected as it represents the standards set by our school for our pupils. Accordingly, parents must ensure that children comply with these standards in matters of general appearance, dress, hairstyles and jewellery at all times during the school term.

## **Aim and Objectives**

Our policy for our school uniform is based on the ideal that the school uniform

1. Promotes a sense of pride in our school.
2. Engenders a sense of community and belonging to our school.
3. Ensures children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
4. Standardisation of dress code with a uniform that is neat, tidy and practical.
5. **Removes competition among pupils in the matter of dress and therefore reduce financial pressures on parents/guardians.**
6. Is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Our School Uniform**

- Navy jumper with school crest
- Navy tracksuit bottoms with yellow stripe/ plain navy tracksuit bottoms
- White polo shirt
- Navy shorts

Parents are advised to have back up items of school uniform to avoid uniform being "dirty", "in wash", or "lost".

The school uniform can be purchased from Fennessy's, William Street, Limerick. All generic, un-crested items may also be purchased in main retail chains.

### School Uniform in Relation to P.E.

- School Tracksuit must be worn for P.E.
- Runners must be worn on P.E. day.
- Shoelaces must be properly tied and not tucked into the sides of shoes.
- Helmets must be worn when playing hurling/camogie.
- Tracksuit pants must fit properly to assist with child's safety on yard. Children will be unable to participate in a P.E. lesson if wearing unsuitable footwear.

### Footwear

For health and safety reasons in the school building and on school yard, children are to wear sensible footwear with support (i.e. laces, straps, no platform shoes or high heels) Laces must be tied at all times. Children must wear runners on P.E. days.

### Jewellery/Watches/Glasses:

For health and safety reasons earrings must be appropriate studs only and jewellery should be kept to a wristwatch/short chain. No long chains are to be worn as jewellery. Children with glasses should bring their storage case to school so they can be stored safely and securely when not being worn.

**The Board of Management cannot be held responsible for loss or damage, howsoever caused to any of the above-mentioned personal property.**

### Appearance

Children are expected to have a neat, well-groomed appearance with only items of uniform visible.

Uniform should always be neat and clean. Any tears/ravelling of jumpers/tracksuit pants should be mended as soon as possible. Hair must be neat and tidy.

### Hair

Boys and girls are asked to keep their hair neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied back or hairband worn in the interests of hygiene.

### Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. All items are to be clearly labelled with

the child's name. **The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for loss of property.**

### **The Schools Response to Non-Wearing of Uniform**

- If a child presents for school without full uniform a note from parent/guardian to class teacher is required.
- If a child cannot wear a school uniform due to medical issues (such as sensory issues, skin conditions, or physical disabilities), parents can request a reasonable accommodation under equality principles. This request should be made to the school principal with a note from a doctor or occupational therapist clarifying the specific needs.
- Children who wear uniform faithfully are allowed have a non-uniform day on day of Halloween holidays, Christmas holidays, Lá Glas and summer holidays.
- During warmer weather the children are allowed to wear plain navy shorts.
- If the school is hosting a non-uniform day for charity or fund-raising, the general parent's body will be informed in advance by note or text.

### **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 note will be required. Students may be asked to remove inappropriate jewellery.

### **Time frame for review**

Newport Convent Primary School's Uniform Policy will be reviewed every three years by teachers, postholders and BOM in consultation with parents and pupils.

### **Implementation**

The policy will be implemented from September 2023 with a review date June 2026.

**Ratification and Communication**

Following ratification by the Board of Management, a copy of this plan will be available to parents and guardians on the school website.

Signed by:

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Chairperson B.O.M

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Principal

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