

Uniform Policy
Scoil Áine Naofa
Loch Cútra

Introduction

It is the policy of Scoil Áine Naofa that all pupils wear a uniform during school activities unless a change is notified to parents in advance. This includes time spent on the premises before and after class. The highest standard of personal appearance is expected at all times as it reflects the standards set by our school for our pupils. This policy will provide guidance to parents/guardians when purchasing a school uniform.

Rationale

It is important that our pupils learn to present themselves appropriately. A neat and tidy school uniform helps children to understand the importance of presentation and helps them develop their self-esteem and self-confidence. The wearing of a uniform encourages good behaviour, enhances a learning focused environment and prepares pupils for post-primary school.

Relationship to the Characteristic Spirit of the School

Scoil Áine Naofa is a primary school with a catholic ethos under the patronage of the Bishop of Kilmacduagh that caters for children of all faiths and none. We respect and cherish all children equally including those of different nationalities and children from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Aims and Objectives

- To contribute to the development of a sense of pride in the school.
- To promote school identity and make our pupils easily identifiable.
- To remove competition among pupils in the matter of dress and therefore reduce financial pressures on parents/guardians.
- The wearing of a uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.

Uniform details

The official school uniform is as follows:

- Appropriate plain coloured footwear (preferably runners with velcro straps for children in the junior classes).
- Royal blue polo jumper with the school crest

- Red polo t-shirt
- Plain navy shell tracksuit pants (STRICTLY no stripes or logos of any kind on tracksuit bottoms)
- Plain navy shorts (during the summer months i.e. May, June)

Formal Uniform option for girls

- Plain navy pinafore or skirt
- Royal blue cardigan with crest
- Plain navy tights

Stockist

Official School jumpers and cardigans are available from 'Make your Mark/TM Office Supplies' (tel:065-6820388), Ennis and The National Schoolwear Centre, Liosbán Industrial Estate, Galway (tel:091-755515)

Shell bottoms can be bought from Pat Smyth, Gort , Dunnes Stores and Tesco.

Red Polo t-shirt, navy pinafore and navy skirt can be bought from Dunnes Stores, Tesco and Marks and Spencers.

Points of Notes

All items of clothing including coats must be clearly labelled on the inside with the child's name.

In the interest of health and safety:

- Only a single stud earring may be worn in each ear.
- No neck chains, long earrings, bangles, bracelets or finger rings are allowed.

Dress code:

- Pupils are expected to have a neat, well groomed appearance with only items of uniform visible therefore colourful t-shirts, thermal skins/body armour, polar/turtle necks are not appropriate. If necessary in extremely cold weather children may wear a white t-shirt under their uniform.
- Leggings should not be worn under the school pinafore.
- Trousers should not be worn tucked in to socks. Collars should be worn down.
- Visible body/face piercings are not acceptable.
- Unusual dyed/coloured hair is not acceptable. Hair should be its natural colour.
- Hair should be worn neat and out of children's eyes. Gel should not be worn.
- Dramatic hairstyles are not appropriate e.g. partially shaved heads, Mohicans etc.
- Make-up is not acceptable, this includes nail varnish and fake tan. Pupils may be asked to remove it.
- Henna tattoos, transfers or other forms of ink on skin are not acceptable.
- Uniforms should be clean and neat at all times. Torn uniforms should be mended.

Minor/first offence: verbal warning (however if this happens on the day of a school trip the pupil may be refused permission to travel and parents/guardians will be contacted).

Recurring offence: parents/guardians will be contacted.

Continuing offence: the pupil will be deemed to be in serious breach of the schools code of behaviour and will be dealt with accordingly. This may include suspension and up to and including expulsion.

The school understands that in rare and exceptional circumstances a child may be unable to wear part of their uniform for a short period of time; in such cases a written explanation from a parent/guardian should be provided. Such written explanation shall cover that day only.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the month of May each year.

Ratification

This policy was formulated during the 2017/18 school year policy and ratified by the Board of Management at its meeting in May 2018.

Signed:

Matthew Woods

Chairperson BOM

Lorraine Power

Principal

Date:

29/5/2018