



Ballinlough NS

School Uniform Policy

1. The school uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour policy adopted in Ballinlough NS and which is signed by every parent/guardian.
2. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform.
3. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/daughter maintains a high standard of uniform dress.

Rationale for School Uniform

1. A school uniform reflects a sense of belonging to a school community and therefore 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- 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 Ballinlough NS 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 Ballinlough NS seeks to achieve.
12. A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom.

Girls

- Navy skirt
- Sky blue blouse
- Navy V- necked jumper
- School Crest embroidered on jumper. Crests on sale in the school.
- Navy knee socks. Tights in winter.
- No high heeled shoes allowed.
- One pair of earrings may be worn. Pupils are forbidden from wearing any other facial-piercing studs/rings at school.
- The wearing of make-up and fake tan is not permitted.

Boys

- Navy pants
- Sky blue shirt – no tie.
- Navy V – Necked jumper.
- School Crest embroidered on jumper. Crests on sale in the school.
- Boys are not allowed to wear studs or earrings.

PE Uniform for boys and Girls

- Plain Navy Track-suit with school Crest embroidered on left hand side.
- Blue Polo Shirt.
- Runners for PE.

Tie

A tie is **not required** as part of the school uniform.

Seasonal Variations

- Pupils may wear shorts in extremely warm weather.
- Pupils may wear the school polo shirt in extremely warm weather.

Hair

- All pupils 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, as determined by school management, will not be allowed.

Labelling

- Parents should ensure that all items are adequately labelled with their child's details. A pen or formal label can be used for this purpose.

Lost Property

- A lost property area is located in the hallway outside the office.
- Pupils or parents must seek permission from the school secretary before searching the lost property area.
- Unclaimed property is sent to charity shops at the end of the school year.

Crests

- School Crests can be purchased from the school office for sewing onto jumpers and cardigans.

Dress and Appearance – Implementation and Sanctions

- Staff members will check uniforms as part of the school routine.
- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform everyday without modification.
- Students will be asked to remove make-up and inappropriate jewellery.
- The school tracksuit and runners are to be worn on PE day.
- The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts, jumpers, and pants in the major stores and from local suppliers. When generic items are purchased, parents are asked to purchase the school crest from the office and sew it on to each jumper and tracksuit top.
- Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

Ratified by the B.O.M _____
Signed: _____
Chairperson