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# **School Uniform Policy**

The School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy adopted in Kilbrittain National School and which is signed by every parent/guardian.

Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform.

Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son / daughter maintain a high standard of uniform dress.

Proudly wearing the school uniform is an integral part of the Kilbrittain National School's ethos. It is our school policy that all children wear the school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event.

We provide parents with a complete list of the items needed for the school uniform when their child enters the school for the first time and send out reminders to all parents at other times when we feel it is necessary.

#### **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-- all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.
- 4. Parents find school uniforms 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 uniforms enable 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 Kilbrittain National School wishes to present.
- 10. A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.

# **Boys Formal Uniform**

- Plain Navy pants, Navy School Crested jumper, blue shirt and yellow tie.
- Plain black shoes/runners should be worn with the formal uniform

#### **Girls Formal Uniform**

- Plain Navy pants/skirt/pinafore, Navy School Crested jumper, blue shirt and yellow tie.
- Plain black shoes/runners

\*\*Crested school jumpers are available from Kevin Bowens in Bandon.

#### P.E. Uniform for Boys and Girls:

• Our school tracksuit is available to order online from Balon Sports

https://www.balondirect.com/product-category/club-shop/kilbrittain-national-school-club-sho

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- All pupils must have ½ Zip Crested top and Crested Tracksuit
- A plain non crested white polo shirt may be worn inside the tracksuit
- Runners
- Other options are also available on the website (E.g. Crested polo shirt, crest ed school hoodie, crest school jacket, crested school shorts-<u>THESE ARE OPTIONAL</u> <u>EXTRAS</u>

<sup>\*\*</sup> The tracksuit is not an 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.

\*\* Leggings are also not permitted as part of our tracksuit uniform.

#### **School Functions/Events**

 Pupils may be asked to wear formal school uniform when representing the school during competitions or school based events or for certain school celebrations (E.g. School Graduation Mass, First Confession etc)

#### **Seasonal Variations**

 Pupils may wear shorts in warm weather at the beginning of the school year and during term 3-<u>These must be navy shorts</u> (can be generic) or school crested shorts are available online from Balon Sports.

#### Hair

- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition.
- Long hair should be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice within classrooms.
- Extremes of hair colour and style, as determined by school management, are not permitted.

### **Makeup**

• No make-up or false nails are allowed under any circumstances.

#### **Jewellery**

Watches are permitted to be worn. (Smartwatches are not-Please refer to our AUP Policy)

One stud ear ring in each ear is permitted to be worn. For safety reasons earrings are not permitted in the higher part of the ear.

Nose rings and other unsafe piercings are strictly forbidden.

#### **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 basket is located in the strongroom by the secretaries office.
- Parents can contact the office if an item of school uniform is misplaced.
- The school cannot guarantee that the item will be located.

#### **Crests**

Crested jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from our official uniform suppliers.

- Formal Uniform: Kevin Bowens, Bandon
- Tracksuit Uniform: Balon Sports (Online)

## **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 every day without modification. If the dress code is not adhered to, an explanatory note will be required.
- Students may be asked to remove make-up, nail varnish or inappropriate jewellery.
- The school tracksuit and runners are to be worn on P.E days only
- Pupils May NOT combine the PE uniform with the formal school uniform.
- Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

If a parent is not in a position to purchase our formal or tracksuit uniform for any reason please make contact with the Principal as soon as possible.

This policy has been ratified by the star	ff of Kilbrittain National School.
Signed: Karen O'Donovan (Principal)	Date:
Signed: Imelda Hurley (Chairperson BoM)	Date:

<sup>\*\*</sup>School Crests are available from The Parents Associated for ironing onto generic jumpers.