

# Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny.

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## School Uniform Policy

**Rationale:** The school uniform is a fundamental part of school identity and underscores all aspects of school life. This policy strives to provide clear guidelines to the school community (parents, pupils, staff) regarding expectations about what pupils are required to wear on a daily basis attending school.

### **Aims:**

- To create a clear school identity amongst pupils and to establish a code of dress appropriate to the image the school wants to represent
- To reflect a sense of belonging to the school community and the parity of esteem in which each individual is held
- To minimise cost for parents by having a school uniform
- To reinforce a pride amongst pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities
- To represent a visible commitment to the school rules as outlined in the Code of Behaviour of Scoil Phádraig.

### **Guidelines:**

- All pupils from Junior Infants to 6th class are required to arrive in school wearing full school uniform or tracksuit as outlined below:
  - The school uniform consists of a grey shirt, grey pants or skirt/pinafore, royal blue jumper and blue and grey striped tie.
  - It is essential that all school clothes must be marked clearly with the child's name—especially tracksuit tops, jumpers, ties and coats— please.
  - The school tracksuit top and bottoms are **plain** navy (not stripes etc.) and blue polo-shirt. The tracksuit top and the polo shirt have the school crest on them. They may be worn on P.E. days, swimming, school trips, gymnastics etc.
  - Plain navy shorts may be worn as part of the uniform. Not GAA/Soccer shorts.
  - Shorts can be worn for September, October, March, April, May and June.
  - **GAA/Soccer tops are not part of the school uniform.**
  - The tracksuit bottoms should be navy and navy leggings are also permitted.
  - Full school uniform to be worn at other times.
  - No make-up or false nails are allowed in school.
  - Children may be asked to remove large earrings/chains when playing in the yard or doing P.E. or other such activities for safety reasons.
- School tracksuit and runners should be worn on P.E. days and Gymnastics/Basketball/Swimming classes. The designated P.E. days for each class for 2023/24 class are attached in Appendix 1.
- Our school relies on the support and co-operation of the entire school community (parents /guardians, pupils and staff) in order to implement this policy effectively.

- Full uniform to be worn on Confirmation Day and also at First Confession.

We acknowledge that there may occasionally be situations where pupils have a genuine reason for not wearing the school uniform. In such cases, parents/guardians are required to inform the school by telephone or letter.

- Any continuous and blatant disregard for wearing the school uniform will be perceived as a contravention of school rules and will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures outlined in our Code of Behaviour.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the Principal and staff to implement this policy under the guidance of the school's Board of Management.

### **Appendix 1.**

#### **P.E. days for each classroom.**

Junior Infants	Every Thursday and Friday
Senior Infants/1 <sup>st</sup> class	Every Thursday and Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Every Thursday and Friday
3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Every Thursday and Friday
4 <sup>th</sup> class	Every Thursday and Friday
5 <sup>th</sup> class	Every Thursday and Friday
6 <sup>th</sup> class	Every Monday and Friday

**It has been decided by the Board of Management that this Policy is to be effective from 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.**