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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 as outlined below:
 - The school uniform consists of a navy and green half zip top, navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy polo shirt/round neck t shirt.
 - It is essential that all school clothes must be marked clearly with the child's name—especially half zip tops and coats— please.
 - The school tracksuit bottoms are **plain** navy (not stripes etc.) The shorts and tracksuit bottoms are also available with the school crest. The half zip top and the polo shirt have the school crest on them. Plain navy shorts may also be worn as part of the uniform. **Not GAA/Soccer shorts.** Shorts should be mid-thigh in length.
 - 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.
 - 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.

It has been decided by the Board of Management that this Policy is to be effective from 11th of October 2023 and subsequently revised after a uniform change in Sept. 2025. .