

Patrician Primary

School Uniform Policy



The SCHOOL UNIFORM is now defined as the school tracksuit.

Introduction and Rationale:

- The school tracksuit must be worn by all children during school hours. This includes regular school days, after-school activities and on trips/tours.
- When Patrician Primary students wear their uniform, they are acting as ambassadors for the school.
- The school uniform gives a sense of equality to our pupils and a sense of belonging in the school community.
- For this reason, we have formulated the school uniform policy. It will be implemented in the context of the school Code of Behaviour when necessary.
- Some of the details of this policy have been decided with health and safety in mind. Some are to ensure minimal distractions from teaching and learning, which is at the core of what we do in school.
- Class teachers/extra-curricular teachers have the discretion to make exceptions to uniform rules for special occasions.

The School uniform is

- School Tracksuit:
 - Plain navy bottoms
 - Navy tracksuit top with crest / school name
 - Light Blue Polo Shirt
 - Runners
 - details on where these items can be bought are given on enrolment

Notes:

- Leggings/ jeggings etc. are not allowed. Stripes/piping/branding etc are not allowed on bottoms.
- ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE TO BE CLEARLY MARKED with the child's name and class. The school will take no responsibility for any items lost or otherwise mislaid.



Summertime:

- During spells of fine weather, the principal may take a decision that navy/dark coloured shorts may be worn. This decision will be communicated home beforehand.
- During these times, shorts should be of a length appropriate to school/age appropriate - i.e. no 'short' shorts, hot pants or denim shorts. Football shorts or knee length shorts would be deemed appropriate. The distinction between appropriate and inappropriate is at the discretion of the school
- In the event of a child coming to school in inappropriate shorts, the school may provide them with a replacement pair or tracksuit bottoms

Cold Weather Exceptions

In line with Dept. of Education guidance, classroom windows may need to be opened to allow for sufficient ventilation in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. In recognition that this may cause a chill at times during winter months, the school will allow children to wear hoodies/fleeces/jackets/woolly hats/snoods over their uniform in class during these periods. Baseball hats are not acceptable indoor wear in these instances, as they are seen to be more of a fashion statement than a defence from the cold.

It should be noted that such exceptions will only be allowed in times of cooler weather and is not to be understood as permission to wear such items in class for the entire school year. For example, children may not wear such items in June, when the weather is invariably warm.

Notes on headgear:

- Children with Special Educational Needs, particularly with sensory needs will be differentiated for when necessary, particularly with hat wearing. Consultation with the school in this case is recommended
- Cultural differences with headscarves etc. may be differentiated for after consultation with the principal on enrolment

Hairstyles

Hair must be groomed in a clean, neat and conventional style

Parents may wish to note that if a child has their hair dyed/shaved with patterns etc during the summer holidays, the hairstyle will need to be rectified to be in line with school policy on the first day back.

Long hair must be tied back neatly off the face. This applies to classtime and during yard / PE time. Hair bobbins may be supplied by the school to children who have forgotten them. This is very important for health and safety within the school.

The following hair accessories are **not** acceptable:

- Large Bows
- Hairbands with large bows or embellishments
- Hair clips with large embellishments of any kind
- Hair claws
- Hair extensions / Fake hair accessories – eg. fake buns, fake braids
- Wrapped hair braids with coloured thread or beads etc
- Bandanas
- Anything that distracts from school work or that causes a health and safety issue
- Children are not allowed to bring hair styling products (spray/gel etc) to school/school trips.

If a child cannot conform to above, please seek clarification from the school Principal.

Make up

Make-up is not allowed for pupils. This includes, but is not limited to, foundation, fake nails, gel nails, lip gloss, fake tan/bronzer, fake eyelashes, pencilled eyebrows, mascara, eye shadow, eye liner, temporary/permanent tattoos, pen-writing on hands/arms.

Jewellery

Allowed:

- A single small plain metal stud earring per ear.
- Wrist watches/FitBits – must be without internet capability

Not Allowed:

- Hooped earrings of any size
- Facial/tongue piercings
- Wrist bands
- Smart watches with recording capabilities
- Anything that may cause a health and safety issue or distract from teaching and learning

Notes on jewellery:

- For certain activities, children may have to remove watches for health and safety
- Jewellery/accessories which do not conform to school policy may be confiscated by teachers and returned to parents on request.
- In the event of an inappropriate piercing, the student may be asked to cover it with a plaster for health and safety reasons before contacting home to liaise with parents/guardians

Logos/Slogans/Images

Children may not wear/bring to school any item of clothing with logos/slogans/images that may be:

- Offensive or vulgar
- Not age appropriate
- Promoting, endorsing, or ‘normalising’ illegal behaviour
- Not in keeping with the school’s ethos

Should a child present with such an item, the item may be confiscated or the child may be offered a change of clothing or the child may be asked to cover the offending logo. If needs be, the parents/guardians may be contacted and asked to supply a change of clothes.

Civvies Days

On occasion, there may be a ‘civvies day’ in the school.

On such days, the uniform policy is relaxed. Jewellery and make up are still not allowed on civvies days.

Rules on these days are at the discretion of the principal. Clothing should be appropriate for a school setting (e.g. no tanktops, hotpants etc.)

Dress Up Days/Shows

On occasion, there may be Dress Up Days/Shows.

On such days, the uniform policy may be relaxed, as directed by the teacher.

Abiding by the Uniform Policy

- All families are asked to support the school in each of our policies, including this one. Our rules are designed for the health and safety of the children as well as for the benefit of teaching and learning in the school for all pupils.
- Children who come to school wearing incorrect uniform or inappropriate jewellery, makeup etc may be given a note home for parents/guardians to sign and return to class teacher (see appendix)
- Our focus in this school is on being supportive to families rather than handing out punitive measures. In the event of repeated breaches of uniform policy, a member of staff may contact parents/guardians to discuss any potential issues
- Repeated breaches of the uniform policy after contact with parents/guardians may require the school to reference the Code of Behaviour with appropriate consequences. This will be done in consultation with the principal.

Communication/Circulation of Policy

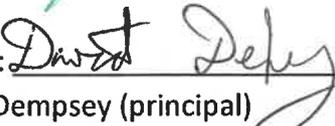
The policy is available for viewing in the school office and on the school website. The policy will be made available to the parents of new children who enrol in the school.

Ratification and Review

This policy was reviewed by staff in May 2023 and re-ratified by the Board of Management in May 2023. It will be reviewed regularly as part of the school policy five-year plan or sooner if required.

Signed: 
Niall Bradley (chairperson)

date: 22-5-23

Signed: 
David Dempsey (principal)

date: 22-5-23

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Child's name: _____ Date: _____

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be aware that your child had the incorrect uniform in school today, namely;

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| Wearing incorrect tracksuit bottoms: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wearing make-up/fake tan: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wearing incorrect tracksuit top: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wearing false nails: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wearing incorrect polo shirt: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wearing hooped/dangly earrings: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wearing inappropriate shorts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wearing inappropriate jewellery*: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inappropriate hairstyle: | <input type="checkbox"/> | (*one stud earring per ear is allowed) | |

Your co-operation in rectifying the above is appreciated. Please contact the school if there is an issue with this.

Please see below for an excerpt from the school's Uniform Policy with the most common points to note.

Please sign below and return to the class teacher to acknowledge receipt of this note.

Regards,

Class Teacher

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Uniform Policy Excerpt – Full document is on school website and available from school office

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