

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As a school community we should take great pride in our school uniform, and we believe that it is important that our pupils wear the full school uniform every day. In recent years, we have not overly focused on adherence to uniform protocols, but we now feel that the time is right to change going forward.

A school uniform helps our pupils to understand the importance of personal presentation and helps them develop their self-esteem and self-confidence. Uniforms reduce competition and help to promote a sense of belonging. Proper attention to and respect for the school uniform reinforces the school ethos and our Code of Behaviour. When pupils wear the uniform, it is a public symbol of our cohesive identity and a representation of who we are and what we stand for.

From **January** we are going to be focusing on our school uniform and dress code as a whole school and we expect children to come to school in their school uniform every day, with the exception of PE days. In recognition of the infant curriculum, pupils in Junior and Senior Infants wear the school tracksuit every day.

We would like families to take this time between now and January to ensure their child / children are dressed in the correct school uniform / P.E. uniform each day as outlined below:

School Uniform	PE Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark grey jumper with school crest • Black trousers, black skirt or black pinafore (with plain black or plain grey tights) • Black leggings may be worn under pinafore if desired, but not by itself • White shirt • Black and gold school tie • Plain black hijab with no embellishments • Plain black Turban • Flat Velcro shoes, preferably black (Velcro -until pupil can tie their own laces) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tracksuit top & bottoms (school shorts can be worn in warm weather) • Yellow polo shirt • Runners (any colour, Velcro in Infants to 2nd class or until pupil can tie their own laces)
Other considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all uniform, tracksuit items and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name. • School staff are not responsible for mislaid uniform/tracksuit items • No make-up permitted • We recommend Velcro shoes and runners, no lace ups please until pupils can tie their own laces. Strictly no platforms/high heels. Boots are unsuitable footwear for PE and Daily Mile activities. • For health and safety, stud earrings permitted only, no chains or necklaces allowed • Hats, caps, coats, scarves, gloves and hoodies are not permitted to be worn in the classroom • If pupils are feeling chilly in the classroom, they can wear extra layers underneath their uniform/tracksuit. • Pupils must wear school uniform (or tracksuit if directed) on school trips • Ideally, pinafore/skirt should be at knee length • Parents will be contacted when pupils are consistently in breach of uniform rules • Some pupils with additional needs have particular sensitivities and/or requirements in relation to wearing uniform/tracksuit. This will be considered on a case by case basis. • It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that pupils have a clean full uniform/tracksuit available every day • For Daily Mile activities, it is not necessary to wear PE tracksuit, full school uniform with flat shoes is sufficient. • Ties can be purchased from the school office for €3. 	
<p>School uniform and tracksuit may be purchased (instore shopping or online) at Grants, 7-8 Manor Street, Dublin 7. www.grantsclothing.ie</p>	

There are many items of school uniform (mainly jumpers) which are unclaimed or have been donated to the school. If you wish to take one, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to view the items.