

School Uniform Policy



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

School Address: Clonee, Dublin 15

Roll number: 20247W

School Patron: DDLETB

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Introduction

As a school community we take great pride in our school uniform, and we believe that it is important that our pupils wear the full school uniform every day.

A school uniform can help our pupils to understand the importance of personal presentation and helps them develop their self-esteem and self-confidence. Uniforms can also 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. On a practical level it also helps to easily identify pupils especially on school trips outside the school grounds.

Vision and Ethos

Scoil Ghráinne CNS is a state, co-educational, multi-denominational school under the patronage of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

The ethos of the Community National School model seeks to provide a high standard of education where each child is encouraged to reach his/her personal potential.

The schools are committed to a spirit of inclusion, equality and harmony where each child and member of the school community is valued equally and treated with respect and dignity.

Aims

- To clarify what our school uniform is and where it can be purchased
- To ensure all stakeholders understand the expectations regarding uniform

- To ensure consistency of messaging regarding the school uniform to pupils and parents/guardians

Additional Educational Needs

We are aware that the texture of some clothing may cause discomfort to some children with additional needs. Where this is the case, the school will work with the child and their parents/guardians to overcome such discomforts, and a plan will be developed to support them. We urge parents/guardians to approach the school as early as possible to discuss these needs. Some measures may include the wearing of partial uniform and introducing items over time.

Other Individual Circumstances

We are aware that cost may be an issue for some families. If buying or sourcing a uniform is a challenge, we encourage parents/guardians to let the school know as soon as possible, so we can try to offer assistance. Our Parent's Association can be contacted via their Facebook page as they may also run initiatives to help with cost issues.

Our School Uniform

After consultation with pupils, parents/guardians and staff a decision was made to allow pupils the option to wear the school tracksuit every day. The rationale for this decision was as follows:

- The school tracksuit can be a more comfortable option for pupils.
- It's more conducive to an active day in school – movement/ regulation breaks, P.E. lessons, Daily Mile, play on yard etc.
- The school tracksuit can be more cost effective for parents/guardians, in some cases.
- In line with our ethos of inclusion, the school tracksuit tends to be favoured by children with sensory needs.

There was overwhelming support for this change from all stakeholders. However, it's important to note that the school uniform continues to be an option for pupils if they would prefer it.

School Tracksuit (All pupils may wear this every day)

- School tracksuit top & bottoms (plain black 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 laces)
- Plain black hijab with no embellishments
- Plain black Turban

School Uniform (not a requirement but may be worn by 1st – 6th Class pupils on non-PE days if preferred)

- Dark grey jumper with school crest



- Black trousers, black skirt or black pinafore (plain black/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 laces)

School uniform and tracksuit may be purchased (instore shopping or online) at Grants, Opposite Go Kids Go, 121 Porters Rd, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin, D15 HW0X and 7-8 Manor Street, Dublin 7 www.grantsclothing.ie

Additional Uniform Guidelines

- Please ensure that all uniform 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
- Fake nails or nail modifications are not permitted as this can be a health and safety issue and a distraction during lessons. Nails should be kept short for these reasons also.
- 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 [OBJ]
- Pupils must wear school tracksuit on school trips and for P.E.
- Parents will be contacted when pupils are consistently in breach of uniform rules
- It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that pupils have a clean full uniform/tracksuit available every day

Roles and Responsibilities

Pupils and Parents

- The school uniform/tracksuit should be worn at all times.
- Pupils should present themselves with pride.
- All uniform items should be clearly labelled.
- Parents should communicate with the school at the earliest possible time about individual needs or family circumstances.
- Families should ensure the uniform/tracksuit is kept clean and dry at all times.
- Parents should communicate with the school where parts of the uniform are missing.

Staff

- Teachers will monitor school uniforms regularly and communicate with parents if there is an ongoing issue.
- In consultation with the class teacher, the school management will use its discretion in supporting pupils toward complying with the Uniform Policy.
- Any families experiencing difficulties may talk with the principal for assistance. All such conversations will be held in the strictest confidence.

Pupils

- Pupils should take care of their uniform when in school.
- Keep all their belongings in their bag when not in use e.g. tracksuit top.
- Show care and respect towards the uniform and others.

Implementation: Success Criteria

When we are reviewing our plan, we will take into consideration, the following points:

- Adherence to school policy and practice
- Teacher/ parent/ community feedback
- Children's feedback regarding the uniform

Review

The Board of Management of Scoil Ghráinne CNS supports this policy. This policy will be reviewed whenever deemed necessary by school management/Board of Management.