

GAELSCOIL CHARRAIG UÍ LEIGHIN

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The Board, Staff and the Coiste Cairde have determined that the School Uniform is a fundamental part of the school identity and underscores all areas of school life.

Uniform Guidelines

A. Rang 1 – Rang 6

The following uniform must be worn by all pupils from **first class to sixth class** on all days except days when they have P.E.

- **School Navy Jumper:** Parents can choose where to purchase
- **School Tie:** available from 4orm shop in Carrigaline
- **Light blue shirt:** Parents can choose where to purchase
- **Navy trousers / skirt / pinafore:** Parents can choose where to purchase.
- **Shoes:** appropriate comfortable footwear which will allow for running (e.g. black flat shoes etc.): Parents can choose where to purchase.

On days when Rang 1 – Rang 6 have P.E. they are required to wear the school tracksuit as described below. On these days, the children come to school dressed in their tracksuit and remain in the tracksuit for the day.

- **School Tracksuit:** The school tracksuit is a crested navy sweatshirt and a crested navy tracksuit pants available for purchase from 4orm in Carrigaline. The tracksuit is worn with a crested poloshirt underneath, which is available in light blue, navy and yellow.
- **Appropriate sports footwear (not heellies).** For P.E. runners *must* be worn and velcro fastening is preferable for younger children and those who have difficulty tying their own laces. Parents can choose where to purchase.

It is important to note that children from Rang 1 – Rang 6 may wear their school tracksuits only on the days when they have P.E. Tracksuits outside of these days are not an acceptable substitute for their school uniform.

Note: There is a crested school jacket and a crested hoodie also available for purchase in 4orm Carrigaline. These items are *optional* and not part of the regulation uniform.

B. Junior and Senior Infants - Naíonáin Bheaga/Mhóra

For ease of dressing and in the interests of self-care, the Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin requires the junior and senior infants to simply wear the school tracksuit to school each day, regardless of whether or not they have P.E. This allows for free-movement, comfort and easy maintenance in these early years.

C. Labelling and Second Hand Uniforms

It is strongly suggested that ALL items of the school uniform be clearly labelled as items of clothing regularly go missing during the school day. There is a lost and found table in the school for items that have gone astray. It should also be noted that the school has a large number of second hand uniforms which are readily available and the Coiste Cairde run a second hand uniform sale at least once a year to facilitate demand for these.

D. Regulations Regarding Jewellery

The rules regarding the wearing of jewellery etc. have been devised to minimise the risk of accident, injury or infection during school activities. As a guideline, items or styles which are either an unnecessary distraction or a potential danger to oneself / another child, should not be worn to school. If you need to discuss any of the above please contact the school principal.

Permitted Items:

- Watches (not on swimming days – to avoid loss or damage)
- Plain stud earrings – one per ear
- Simple hair ties, clips or bands
- Any item required to highlight a certain medical condition e.g. medic alert bracelets

Items/styles that may not be worn:

- Watches or any devices which may have the ability to record or communicate
- Any item that may be a distraction to learning

Rationale for School Uniform:

There a number of reasons why the Gaelscoil has decided to use a school uniform. It is felt that the uniform:

- Makes all pupils equal while creating a clear school identity.
- Represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of the Gaelscoil
- Establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image the school wishes to present.
- Reinforces a pride among the pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities
- Reduces expense to parents of regularly having to purchase clothes for their children – often at the dictate of fashion.

- Pupils can clearly be distinguished from people who are not members of our school community thus making the school a safer environment for all (e.g. school-based tours, school and community celebration days etc.)

Uniform Enforcement Policy and Procedures:

To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is again dependent on the support of you, the parents and guardians. Pupils are expected to adhere to the full school uniform as defined in the School Code of Behaviour. The School uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held. It must therefore be neat, clean and correctly worn at all times, including going to, within and returning from school. It is neither possible nor practical for the school to operate exceptions to this policy, though we acknowledge that there will occasionally be genuine reasons why your child may arrive in school not wearing full uniform.

Enforcement Procedures are as follows:

- Pupils who have a genuine reason for being out of uniform should bring a letter signed by a parent/guardian to the teacher. This must be done first thing in the morning.
- Anyone not in full and proper school uniform will be asked for a letter/note explaining why. If there is no letter/note, a verbal reprimand will be given.
- If the issue presents itself again, the pupil's parents will be notified with a view to rectifying the situation.

Persistent disregard for the school's uniform policy will be addressed through the school's Code of Behaviour.

The successful implementation of this policy is an important step in promoting a safe school environment for all children. All families and pupils are asked to co-operate with its implementation. This policy will be reviewed as required.

Ratification of School Uniform Policy

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

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