

ST.FELIM'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

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School Uniform Policy

Introduction

The Board, Staff and Parents Association have determined that the School Uniform is a fundamental part of our school's identity and underscores all areas of school life within St. Felim's.

Rationale

We in St. Felim's N.S. believe that a school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school. We hope that by wearing a uniform, we can instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline and encourage identity with and support for our school ethos.

It also ensures that pupils from all backgrounds share a sense of belonging and it protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way. With this in mind, the Board of Management of St. Felim's N.S., in conjunction with the Parents' Association have agreed the following policy.

Uniform Details

School Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear their full school uniform each day except on PE days, when our PE uniform should be worn.

Our school uniform consists of:

1. **Official School Jumper (*with school crest*):** available from local suppliers
2. **White polo shirt**
3. **Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore**
4. **Appropriate footwear i.e. black shoes or runners**

School tracksuit

All pupils will be expected to wear the school tracksuit on Physical Education (PE) days only.

Our school tracksuit consists of:

1. **Plain Navy tracksuit bottom (no stripes or markings)**
2. **Plain navy round neck sweatshirt (*with iron on school crest*):** Iron on school crest is available through the school office.
3. **White polo shirt**
4. **Appropriate sports footwear i.e. runners:** (Velcro fastening if possible for younger children).

All items of uniform must be labelled.

PLEASE NOTE:

A new school tracksuit is being phased in from September 2019 on the following basis:

- All new entrants to the school commencing in the school year 2019/2020 must purchase the new tracksuit. Iron on crests will be available in the school in September at a cost of €3.
- Parents who need to replace the tracksuit in older classes from September 2019 onwards should purchase the new tracksuit.
- All pupils will be expected to be compliant with the new tracksuit changes by September 2022.

Uniform Enforcement Procedures:

It is the responsibility of the parents to support our school by ensuring that their children are in full uniform each day.

The school uniform and school tracksuit as outlined above must be adhered to at all times, no alternatives e.g. sports jerseys, t-shirts or tracksuit bottoms or sweatshirts with logos/messages are permitted. Also, no under armours are permitted to be worn.

At random times during the school year a uniform check will be carried out. Classes presenting in full and proper school uniform as a whole will be recognised and rewarded.

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. If this occurs a note explaining the reason must be sent in to the teacher. On PE days, if the school tracksuit cannot be worn children must wear their school uniform.

During the summer term when the weather is warm, children may wear dark coloured shorts to school. Parents will be informed / advised of this in advance.

Children who present to school without uniform may be asked to change into a jumper that the school provides. If a child continually attends school without correct uniform, the issue will be dealt with in line with our Code of Behaviour.

Jewellery Policy

As parents and educators, we are all very conscious of the importance of our children's health, hygiene, safety and happiness. The following policy regarding the wearing of jewellery etc. has been devised to minimise the risk of accident, injury or infection during school activities.

As a general 'rule of thumb' items or styles that are either an unnecessary distraction or a potential danger to oneself / another child, should not be worn to school.

Items/styles that may be worn:

- Watches (not on swimming days – to avoid loss or damage)
- Stud earrings – one per ear
- Any item required to highlight a certain medical condition e.g. medic alert bracelets

Items/styles that may not be worn:

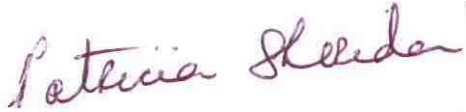
- Rings of any description
- Necklaces, 'chokers'
- Pendants, crosses & chains
- Elaborate hair decorations with sharp points
- Hair dye
- Bracelets
- Body piercing
- Earrings – other than plain studs
- Body art / tattoos
- Hair art/engraving
- False nails
- Heelies
- Any item not mentioned above that may be a distraction to learning

*Exceptions will be made for students engaged in staged performances on behalf of the school where any of the above items are so required for the duration of the staged performance(s).

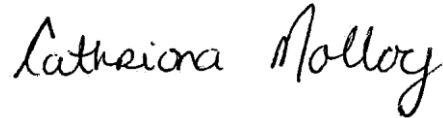
The successful implementation of this policy is an important step in promoting a safe school environment for all children. All families and pupils are asked to co-operate with its implementation. This policy will be reviewed as required.

Ratification of School Uniform Policy

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____



Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management



Signed: _____
Principal

Date: Wednesday 2nd October 2019

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Date of next review: Term 1 : 2022