

Uniform Policy



St Benignus NS, Balscadden

1.0 Introduction

A school uniform helps a child to feel that s/he belongs to a school. It helps to prevent undesirable competition in clothes. Our Code of Good Behaviour requires that every pupil wears the appropriate uniform (full uniform or school PE tracksuit) every day in school.

2.0 Girls

2.1 Full Uniform will include: Check skirt/pinafore, blue crested cardigan/jumper and navy tie with blue stripes available from Noel Heeney at McFaddens, Balbriggan 01-8412478. Plain blue shirt or polo shirt (Summer) available in most shops and department stores. White or navy socks or tights.

2.2 Girls may also wear the boys' version of the uniform.

3.0 Boys

3.1 Full Uniform will include: Navy trousers, blue shirt (available in most shops and department stores). A blue polo shirt may be worn during warm weather. Crested jumper and navy tie with blue stripes available from Noel Heeney at McFaddens, Balbriggan 01-8412478.

The school crest is available to purchase separately in Noel Heeney's. The crest can be ironed on to jumpers/cardigans.

4.0 School PE Tracksuit

4.1 The school PE Tracksuit is worn on each child's PE Day by all pupils. It includes: Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (no stripes or logos etc) and blue polo shirt (available in most shops and department stores). Crested top available from N. Heeney as above. Runners (Black/Navy) must be worn on PE Day. Children can wear unbranded navy shorts during good weather.

5.0 Footwear

5.1 Please buy sensible black shoes or black/navy runners. High heels/platforms are not permitted for safety reasons. Velcro fastenings are ideal until your child masters the skill of tying shoe laces.

5.2 Children tend to remove jumpers and cardigans – especially during early Autumn/Summer. To avoid confusion and loss of jumper, please put your child’s name on his/her jumper/cardigan/PE top and other personal items.

5.3 Buy user friendly lunch boxes and school bags.

5.4 Pupils are asked to wear “pull ups” over their uniform when playing football. This is simply an old pair of blue or black tracksuit bottoms kept in their school bag.

6.0 Financial assistance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is available to eligible families through the Social Welfare system.

You may qualify for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance if you are:

Getting a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Service Executive payment, or

Taking part in an approved employment scheme (back to work scheme) including JobBridge and Tús, or

Taking part in a recognised education or training course, or

Involved in an Area Partnership Scheme, or

Attending a FÁS, Fáilte Ireland or LES training scheme.

Applications can be made to the Department of Social Protection. Locall 1890 66 22 44.

If your family does not qualify for this allowance but is in financial difficulty you should contact the school principal. The matter will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

7. Wearing of uniform

It is a requirement of our Uniform Policy and our Code of Good Behaviour that every child wears the full school uniform or the school PE tracksuit, on the appropriate day, as outlined by the school. In cases where a child repeatedly refuses to wear the appropriate uniform on the appropriate day (full school uniform or school PE tracksuit depending on the day) or any uniform at all the child will be spoken to by the class teacher or the principal. Failing that, the parent of that child will be contacted by the class teacher or the school principal. If following this contact the parent and the child continue to ignore the Uniform Policy without due cause, then action will be taken by the school. The parents may be contacted and asked to take their child home to change into their uniform. The child may be asked to change into a spare uniform in the school. A child may be excluded from school for repeatedly refusing to wear the appropriate school uniform until such time as they comply with the Uniform Policy. Where there is a financial barrier to the wearing of the uniform, this will always be overcome by the school and a satisfactory outcome will always be achieved.

8.0 Review and monitoring

Reviewed 26/2/2009.

This policy was revised in February, 2014 following the collation of a uniform questionnaire sent to all parents in the school. Reviewed February, 2014.

Reviewed 18/11/2019.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____ (date)

Signed: _____
Chairperson of the Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

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