



# School Uniform Policy

## 1. School Mission Statement:

Ballinadee National School is a welcoming, open and inclusive school. Our aim is to develop each of our students as a whole person by promoting an atmosphere of respect, honesty, and fairness in which all in the school community can achieve their full potential.

## 2. Rationale and Values underlying the Uniform Policy:

- a) To foster the sense of identity and belonging amongst the children as pupils of our school
- b) To encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and to foster an appreciation of the value of smart, neat and appropriate appearance
- c) To maintain high standards of personal hygiene and to safeguard the health and safety of children and staff
- d) To develop the children's self-esteem, self-confidence and sense of security
- e) To promote a sense of equality and to show that all children in our school are valued equally and treated equally
- f) To remove any pressure to follow fashion trends
- g) To minimise distractions from learning in the classroom
- h) To provide good value and practicality for parents in dressing their children for school

## 3. Uniform:

- a) Navy crested sweatshirt – available from Kevin Bowens
- b) Plain Navy tracksuit pants (**no leggings**)
- c) Pale blue polo shirt
- d) Girls may wear a navy skirt or pinafore
- e) Black school shoes. Runners on P.E. days

## Seasonal Variations

- During hot weather in May or June, children may wear **knee length** navy shorts/skorts.

#### **4. Guidelines for items not covered under 'Uniform':**

##### Appearance

- We advocate a neat and tidy appearance at all times.
- Hair may not be dyed in vibrant colours.
- Makeup is strictly forbidden.
- Nails should be clean and neatly trimmed. False nails are not allowed.
- Nail varnish is discouraged.
- Children may wear one pair of stud earrings in their earlobes.
- No other jewellery or piercings of any sort are allowed, including facial piercings and piercings that are not visible.
- Tattoos of any sort are not allowed, including henna and washable tattoos.
- Analogue watches only to worn( no fitbits, VTech, etc).
- Sport jerseys are not allowed.

#### **5. Procedure**

- Children are always expected to wear the school uniform.
- The teacher will advise families as to the correct uniform to be worn for school outings e.g. tracksuit for a blitz, uniform for a trip to the theatre.
- Occasionally, families may find that due to unforeseen circumstances the child cannot wear the appropriate uniform. Should this occur, a note must be provided explaining the reason. If a child regularly comes to school without the appropriate uniform, parents will be contacted.
- If a child comes to school with any piercings or jewellery other than one stud earring in each earlobe, they will be asked to remove these and the teacher will place the items in an envelope to be returned to the child at home time. If this happens more than once, parents will be contacted.
- When parents are contacted regarding uniform or appearance, they will be provided with a copy of the uniform and appearance policy with the part that the child has breached highlighted.

## **6. Uniform Monitoring:**

School management will monitor and implement the Uniform policy on a daily basis, however, it is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to ensure that each student is in correct uniform for attendance in school each day.

Management reserves the right to alter this policy that ensures the best interests of the students are adhered to at all times.

### **Ratification:**

This plan was ratified by the Board of Management on 19/03/24. This policy shall be reviewed as deemed necessary.

Signed:

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Date:19/03/24

John Twomey

Chairperson BoM

Signed

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Date: 19/03/24

Carolyn McHugh

Secretary BoM