

**Scoil Mhuire, Broadway,
Our Lady's Island, Co. Wexford.
Roll No. 19741A**



School Uniform Policy

The Staff and Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire, in consultation with parents, have established a dress code for all students attending the school.

Rationale

Following consultation with the Parents Association a decision was made by the Board of Management to poll the parents as to whether or not they would like to keep the uniform or make a change or an amendment to the uniform at that time. The poll taken on Aladdin, and was returned to the school on 27th April 2021, 52% of all responses wished to change/amend the uniform. Parents in turn were asked to submit suggestions as to what amendments they would like to see. Following this, these suggestions were brought together by the staff in the school and the following was decided.

The aim of this policy is to ensure clarity as to what our dress code and uniform in the school is.

Purpose of a School Uniform Policy

At Scoil Mhuire, we believe our school dress code:

- Gives the students a sense of unity, belonging and pride in their school, which assists in building school and team spirit.
- Ensures that students are safely dressed for school activities and the environment.
- Minimises competition between students to wear more expensive or fashionable clothing and the pressure on parents to purchase this type of clothing, whilst encouraging equity among students.
- Clearly identifies our students from other students on school outings etc.
- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school.
- Encourages our students to be comfortable and be active every day on yard and in class.

School Uniform

The school uniform is worn every day. The following was decided in consultation with staff and parents.

Navy School Sweater with School Crest and blue piping
Light Blue Polo T-Shirt
Plain Navy Tracksuit Bottoms (No logos or stripes)
Runners or shoes

Please note, tracksuit bottoms / jumpers with logos and/or stripes are not permitted. Leggings are not permitted.

On swimming days, children are required to bring with them appropriate swim wear, hat, flip-flops / swim-socks, goggles (if required), and own towel.

- Winter Attire
Children are encouraged to wear warm outer clothing, i.e., Coat / Jacket, Hat, Scarf, Gloves etc. We particularly encourage this as we will continue to use increased ventilation in our classrooms.
- Summer Attire
On sunny days, we encourage children to wear sun hats and sun screen. During the last term, the Principal, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, may allow the wearing of shorts, if the weather permits. If shorts are permitted to be worn, parents will be duly notified. Shorts must be navy in colour and an appropriate length. **Tight shorts (Bicycle shorts) are not permitted.**

Footwear

We encourage children to wear shoes with laces or straps. Slip-on pumps are not advised. We encourage children in the infant classroom to wear velcro strap shoes, particularly if they are unable to tie their own laces. Runners with laces are to be worn on PE days. Activities such as

sport or nature excursions may necessitate alternative footwear such as wellington boots. Heels are not permitted.

Pitch Days

If a class are scheduled to use the school pitch during yard time they will be encouraged to bring spare runners or football boots, as well as spare socks. When the pitch is wet and muddy, students will not be permitted on the pitch without a change of footwear. This will be at the discretion of the class teacher and principal. Some classes may be encouraged to bring spare tracksuits if the weather is particularly wet. When playing soccer on the pitch students must wear shin-guards. When playing Gaelic Football students must wear gumshields. When playing hurling students must wear a helmet.

Special Event Clothing

In some circumstances, students will be permitted to wear alternative clothes as agreed to by class teachers and principal, i.e. Drama costumes, Blue Day, World Book Day, Green for St. Patrick's Day, Jersey Day, Halloween Fancy Dress, and Non-Uniform Days etc.

Jewellery

In the interest of safety, earrings, if worn, should be of the small sleeper or stud variety. It is preferred that chains, necklaces and bracelets not be worn as they are easily broken. Nose / Eyebrow piercing are not permitted. Medical bracelets and jewellery are acceptable provided that the board has been notified.

Make Up

Make up is not allowed to be worn. This includes artificial nails.

Hairstyles

Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes. All students who have shoulder length or longer hair should keep it tied back from their face. (This is following a recommendation from the HSE to reduce the risk of head lice spreading.)

Labelling

It is strongly recommended that all clothing, especially jumpers and coats are marked clearly with the student's name. Teachers are not responsible for the loss / mix up of items of clothing. Unclaimed items will be stored in the lost and found box until the end of the school year.

Availability of School Uniform

Our school sweaters with the crest are available in Hore's Stores in Wexford town. Our t-shirt and tracksuit can be bought in all other department stores. It is at a parent's own discretion where they wish to purchase the school uniform. School Crests are also available to buy in Hore's Stores and can put on to navy jumpers bought in other stores if they so wish.

Spare Clothes

A box of spare clothing is stored in the school, in particular for wetting incidents amongst junior students.

Genuine Effort

A genuine effort must be made by all pupils. We understand that there are times when uniform may be unavailable to wear on a short term basis for various reasons. If this is the case, please ensure that a note is provided to the class teacher. Sanctions will be given out on reoccurrence if a genuine effort is not made. Sanctions may include a loss of yard time, golden time, or a sanction deemed appropriate by the class teacher.

Review and Ratification

This Policy will be reviewed again in 2023/2024. It was ratified by the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire on 19/05/2021.

Chairperson: *Jim Cogley*

Principal: *Thomas Cousins*

Fr. Jim Cogley

Tom Cousins