

Naíscoil & Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche

**Polasaí Éadaí Scoile
Meán Fómhair 2018
School Uniform Policy**

(Effective from September 2021)

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless otherwise directed.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our uniform consists of: (Bunscoil)

- Navy sweatshirt embroidered with the school logo and motto (available from John McKenny's Clothes Shop in Castlewellan, Co. Down)
- Or Navy quarter zip (available from O'Neill's online shop) - this item is optional
- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts;
- Green polo shirt embroidered with the school logo and motto;
- O'Neill's school coat (optional);
- Black shoes;
- Girls may wear navy knee socks, navy tights or white ankle socks;
- Girls may wear navy or green gingham dresses in the summer time;
- During periods of cold weather, the school gives girls permission to wear trousers.

Naíscoil uniform: -

- Navy sweatshirt (embroidered either with the Bunscoil Logo or the Logo of Naiscoil Bheanna Boirche - both available from John McKenny's Clothes Shop, Castlewellan)
- Green or yellow polo shirt

- Grey or Navy blue trousers, tracksuit bottoms, skirts or shorts
- Sensible shoes

P.E. uniform consists of:

- Grey/ navy track bottoms, or grey/navy shorts;
- Suitable trainers
- Green polo shirt embroidered with the school logo and motto
- Or school sports shirt - older version white, newer version green (Green shirt available from O'Neill's online shop) this item is optional - it is not necessary to purchase an O'Neill's school sports shirt;

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

Footwear

Bunscoil :- We require all children to wear black shoes and girls may **not** wear heels. Trainers are required for P.E. days only.

Naíscoil :- We require all children to wear sensible shoes suitable for indoor & outdoor play.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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If any parent would like to have an input to the school policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are

serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

We appreciate your support regarding our school uniform policy.

Go raibh maith agaibh.