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POLICY STATEMENT ON UNIFORM

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General Policy

The Board of Management states hereunder its general policy with respect to Uniform

It is the aim of the Board to maintain the highest reasonably practicable standards and to comply at all times with the legislation drawn up by the relevant bodies including any amendments or additions that they may make to the legislation from time to time.

(1) There will be on-going co-operation between the Board of Management and Staff to upkeep the essential standards in all areas.

(2) The pertinent parts of this Uniform policy will be revised from time to time as appropriate.

(3) The person with the responsibility for the direction of this policy is Ms. Cara McLoughlin, Principal.

(4) The organisational arrangements for putting this policy into effect are set out in separate documents of implementation which are to be read as part of this statement.

(5) This school, in its annual report, will evaluate the extent to which this uniform Policy has been put into effect during the period covered by the report.

On behalf of the Board of Management, Principal, teachers and students, I take the ultimate responsibility for the implementation of this Policy Statement

SIGNED:

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Mr Sean Wright, CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT. DATE:

AIM

As a school we strive to set high standards and encourage students to aspire to the pursuit of excellence. This is achieved through a code of dress and appearance that creates an atmosphere which is orderly and disciplined. The aim of our School Uniform Policy is to ensure that all students are equal and not compelled to compete with the pressures of consumer society. As educators, we show sensitivity and respect when dealing with students who cannot afford designer clothing.

POLICY ON SCHOOL UNIFORM

This Policy is a school-wide policy for implementation by all staff, students, parents/guardians, and the Board of Management. It sets out the basic principles upon which the School Uniform Policy will be implemented, sustained, and evaluated. The policy has been developed by the Board of Management, parents/guardians, staff, and students.

Rationale

- Ensures equal recognition of all students in an atmosphere of respect.
- Creates a clear school identity.
- Reduces financial pressure on parents/guardians.
- Helps distinguish students from intruders, creating a safer environment.
- Represents a visible commitment to the rules and values of St. Ciarán's.
- Establishes a dress code aligned with the image the school wishes to present.
- Reinforces pride in the school, especially during extracurricular activities.
- Reduces stress and worry for parents and students

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform for all students is as follows:

- Maroon jumper with school crest
- Regular maroon and green check skirt **(No tracksuit bottoms/jeans/leggings/non-school trousers/skirts)**
- Regular Hunter-style trousers for boys and girls: grey (Junior Cycle) and black (Senior Cycle)

(No tracksuit bottoms/jeans/leggings/non-school trousers)

- Grey or white shirt

- School Jacket (No other jacket/hoodie allowed)
- Black shoes/runners **(No branding/white/colours on shoes)**









PE UNIFORM (Updated)

Students will be required to wear **only the PE uniform for PE**. On the day students have PE, they may wear their **full PE uniform** to mainstream classes for the duration of that school day.

However, this applies **only when in full PE uniform**. If a student does not have the full PE uniform, they must wear the **full school uniform** and then change for PE.

Students may be permitted to wear the PE uniform on certain school trips or extracurricular activities. Organising teachers/year heads will inform students at the time.

Approved PE Uniform Items

- Black runners
- Black school-crested tracksuit bottoms (**PE trousers**) — no leggings/other bottoms
- **Black school-crested leisure shorts** (approved **only for PE classes and extracurricular activities**; **not permitted in regular mainstream classes**)
- Black/Gold school-crested T-shirt (No non-uniform t-shirts)
- Black/Gold school-crested zip top (No hoodies/non-uniform jumpers)

Usage Guidelines for PE Uniform Items

To ensure clarity and consistency in uniform expectations, the following applies:

Leisure Shorts

- May be worn **for PE classes only**.
- May be worn **for extracurricular activities and school sports** when instructed.
- **Not permitted at any time in regular mainstream classes.**

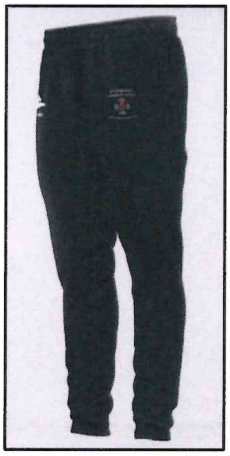
PE Trousers (Black school-crested tracksuit bottoms)

- May be worn **for PE classes**.
- May be worn **for extracurricular activities and school sports**.
- May be worn **in regular mainstream classes on a student's PE day, only when in full PE uniform**.

Regular Mainstream Classes

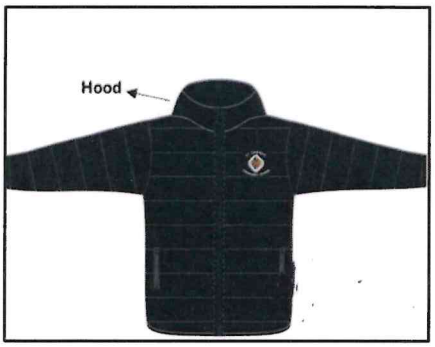
- Only **PE trousers** may be worn in mainstream classes on PE days.
- **Leisure shorts are strictly not permitted in mainstream classes.**




SCHOOL JACKET

A new school jacket was introduced in 2022. All students must wear either the new or old official school jacket. **ONLY A SCHOOL JACKET** may be worn. No other jacket/hoodie is allowed.





Rules Relating to School Uniform

(As outlined in the School Code of Behaviour)

- **Full** uniform must be worn at all times in school and when representing school.
- Students must present in full PE uniform or full school uniform—mixing items is not allowed.
- Parents/guardians must ensure their child is in full uniform daily.
- Students are expected to adhere fully to the uniform policy.
- Students out of uniform must present a signed note before 8:45am to their year head.
- Students will not be admitted to class in incorrect uniform.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted to bring correct uniform if required.
- Non-school jackets will be confiscated.
- Students leaving school at lunchtime must remain in full uniform.
- Changing into PE uniform at lunch is not allowed unless involved in school sports.
- Facial jewellery is prohibited; only stud earrings allowed.
- Natural hair colour only.
- Non-uniform items will be confiscated.
- Clothing on non-uniform days must be appropriate for a school environment.

Ratification

This policy has been ratified by the Board of Management of St Ciarán's Community School at its meeting on: 15/9/26

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson
Board of Management

Principal

Date: 15th Sept 26 15th Sept 2026

Date of next review: 2028