

School Uniform Policy



ST. JOSEPH'S
CARNACAVILLE

St. Joseph's Carnacaville

Introduction

We recognise that the standard of school uniform in St. Joseph's Primary School is exceptionally good. This is a credit to our parents, the character of the children and the consistency of the staff in the standards we implement in school.

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending St. Joseph's Primary School Carnacaville or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our school uniform is important to us. It helps us identify ourselves as a school family. We believe it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. Our school uniform promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily. We believe that by wearing a school uniform, we promote effective discipline which contributes to more effective learning and teaching.

In making the decision to send your child to St. Joseph's Primary School we expect your full support with the school's policy on uniform.

The wearing of a school uniform is not governed by legislation but falls to schools to determine. The day-to-day management of schools, including school uniform policy, is a matter for school Principals, subject to any directions that might be given by the Board of Governors.

This Policy adheres to the guidelines provided by the Department of Education Northern Ireland (Circular 2011/04) (Re-issued 5 June 2018).

Rationale

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the school.
- Is not distracting in class (as current trends might be).
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is cost effective;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents for their support regarding our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

Parents are also asked to clearly label all items of clothing, including footwear, with their child's name.

Rainbow Room, Reception & P1

- O'Neill's Yellow/Grey & black ¼ zip with school crest
- O'Neill's Yellow/Grey & black round neck t-shirt with school crest
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings



Primary 2

School Uniform		PE Uniform
Girls	Boys	Boys & Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white polo shirt • Brown round neck sweatshirt with school crest • Brown pleated skirt or pinafore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white polo shirt • Brown round neck sweatshirt with school crest • Tailored brown trousers(long or short) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O'Neill's Yellow/Grey & black ¼ zip with school crest • O'Neill's Yellow/Grey & black round neck t-shirt with school crest • Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings



Primary 3 – Primary 7		
School Uniform		PE Uniform
<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Boys & Girls</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white collared shirt • Brown & gold striped tie • Brown knitted jumper with school crest • Brown pleated skirt or pinafore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white collared shirt • Brown & gold striped tie • Brown knitted jumper with school crest • Tailored brown trousers(long or short) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O’Neill’s Yellow/Grey & black ¼ zip with school crest • O’Neill’s Yellow/Grey & black round neck t-shirt with school crest • Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings



The PE uniform is worn on the 2 designated PE days and when the class is attending swimming lessons. Pupils can wear the PE uniform outside of these designated days ***only if they are attending a sports based afterschool activity.*** The main school uniform is worn on all other days.

Sports tops, hoodies etc. are not allowed to be worn over the PE uniform.

Stockists of School Uniform

The main uniform is available from Bingham's in Newcastle.

The PE uniform is only available to buy from our school shop hosted on the O'Neill's Sportswear website. Scan the QR code below to view all the items available online.



Please note that we ask parents to only buy the t-shirt and ¼ zip from the online shop. Parents are welcome to purchase tracksuit bottoms or leggings from the online store or another provider of your choice. *Bottoms must be plain and free of other branding.*

Trips or Sporting Events

For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Long Hair

Pupils with shoulder length hair or longer must have their hair always tied back in a plait or ponytail. This is recommended to prevent the spread of headlice and is necessary for the pupil's comfort when completing tasks in class and at PE. It is necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during P.E. activities, swimming and gymnastics.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are plain gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears. Please note that watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn. However, depending on the activity, it may be appropriate for children to be asked to remove their watches on health and safety grounds.

School Shoes

All pupils should wear proper black school shoes. Trainers, boots or heels must not be worn with the main uniform. Trainers should not replace school shoes in the summer term and should only be worn with the PE uniform.

Uniform Grant

Financial assistance is available through the Education Authority's 'School Uniform Grant Scheme' for certain categories of pupils attending primary schools. Further details are available from www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants

Non-Compliance with our School Uniform Policy

Pupils arriving in school on a regular basis without the correct uniform will be referred to the Principal. Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy, we will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case as there may be several valid reasons for it. For instance, the uniform may have been lost, stolen or damaged. Where financial circumstances are preventing pupils from wearing the correct uniform, we will be sensitive to the situation and allow parents sufficient time to purchase the required items. Pupils will not be discriminated against because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of uniform.

The Role of Governors

The Board of Governors supports the Principal and Senior Leadership Team in implementing the school's Uniform Policy. They consider all representations from parents regarding this Policy and liaise with the Principal to ensure that the Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.