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Uniform Policy

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Uniform Policy

This policy has been developed in consultation with the Board of Management, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Students at Ó Fiaich College. This policy applies to all Post Primary students.

Relationship to the School

Our school uniform clearly identifies and distinguishes each student as a pupil of Ó Fiaich College. We expect our students to wear our school uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that when wearing our school uniform, each pupil represents not just themselves, but the whole school community.

Rationale

Ó Fiaich College strives to create an environment to attain high standards of teaching and learning. The school uniform is one of the ways to reinforce a sense of pride among students, especially when representing the school on sporting or extracurricular activities and during whole school events.

Objectives of the Policy

- All pupils wear the school uniform during the school day and when representing the school.
- The wearing of the school uniform helps to promote a positive image of the school.
- The uniform makes pupils recognisable as members of the school.
- The uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition and expense to the parents to purchase clothes for their children, often at the dictate of fashion.
- The uniform removes the incidence of inappropriate dress in school.
- It makes it much easier for staff and the local community to recognise a student belonging to Ó Fiaich College and to distinguish our students from others who do not belong on our school campus.
- This policy has been designed with Health and Safety in mind.

Parental/Guardian support

A lot of hard work, research, time and collaboration has gone into choosing the uniform for Ó Fiaich College. Parents/guardians are expected to show their support for Ó Fiaich College by fully co-operating with the school in ensuring that all students wear the full school uniform every day.

Updated school uniform – Mandatory for all students



** Please note the crest is not included on these images*

- ✓ Official knitted/wool navy V neck school jumper with school Crest.
- ✓ Blue shirt (No polo shirts).
- ✓ Official school skirt or navy school trousers – Please note trousers must be tapered with a crease (leggings, jeggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans are NOT permitted).
- ✓ Flat black shoes or plain black runners ONLY (no white or coloured markings) – see Appendix 1.
- ✓ Black or navy tights/socks.
- ✓ Official school jacket with school crest, no other jackets/hoodies/half zips/gilets are permitted.

School Jacket

No jacket other than the official school jacket may be worn at any time. Non-uniform items of clothing/jackets/hoodies/gilets will be confiscated, and parents/guardians will be contacted in order to collect the confiscated item.

Jewellery

- Discrete Jewellery only - one small pair of stud earrings, one finger ring. No chains, crosses, medals to be worn over uniform (or visible).
- For Health & Safety reasons hooped or dangling earrings are not permitted.
- For Health & Safety Reasons students may be asked to remove finger rings in practical classes.
- One discrete piercing is permitted. Students can be asked to wear clear or transparent retainers for piercings.

Hair

- Hair should be neat, simple and colour within range of natural colours. School management will determine what contributes “natural”.
- Head shaving or hair dying for whatever reason, charity events etc. is not acceptable.

Make Up

Students may wear light, discreet foundation. School management will determine what contributes “light”. Nails are to be natural & appropriate for completing practical subjects.

General Presentation

- Good personal hygiene and presentation is expected every day.
- The Ó Fiaich uniform should be worn with pride and it should be well maintained.
- The school uniform is not to be worn for PE.
- Students are responsible for their own individual uniform items – all items should be labelled with the student name.
- Ó Fiaich College take no responsibility for lost uniform items.
- Students should change out of their school uniform as soon as they get home in the evening in order to preserve the quality of the uniform.

NEW PE Uniform - Mandatory for all students















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- Official PE uniform to be worn on PE day ONLY.
- The official PE uniform consists of:
 - Zip top with school crest
 - Crested jersey
 - Crested PE bottoms
- Runners are permitted on PE day.
- School uniform is NOT permitted for PE.
- School PE zip tops are not to be worn instead of the school jacket or school jumper.

Uniform Rules

1. Full school uniform must be worn at all times in school, except on PE day or on other occasions approved by the Principal.
2. Full school uniform must be worn when representing the school at events, competitions, excursions etc.
3. Full school uniform must be worn during school exams and State Examinations.
4. Parents/Guardians are responsible that their son/daughter/ward are in full school uniform every day.
5. If a student attends school without full school uniform parents/guardians will be contacted and appropriate measures will be taken to address the uniform issue – e.g. return home to change, parent/guardian asked to take in uniform etc.
6. Students who have a genuine reason for being out of uniform should bring a signed and dated letter by parent/ guardian to their Form Tutor or Year Head before 8:59 am – this should only be in exceptional circumstances.
7. Students cannot represent the school where school uniform requirements are not fulfilled.
8. Any item that is not part of the school uniform will be confiscated until collected by a parent/guardian.
9. Persistent disregard for the school uniform will be addressed and dealt with in accordance with the school Code of Behaviour.

Appendix 1 - Shoes

Appendix 2 – Student, Parent/Guardian pledge

- We have read and understand the Ó Fiaich College Uniform Policy.
- We will follow all of the above conditions and pledge to comply with the Uniform Policy.
- We understand and agree to the sanctions for breach of the Uniform Policy.

Student Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardians Signature:	Date: