

21st September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank you for your support regarding our policy on mobile phones in school. We have seen a significant improvement since we introduced and enforced the policy and we believe that this is a result of us working together on this important matter. We now seek your support in enforcing our uniform rules.

We have a uniform in our school for a number of reasons. Firstly, it promotes a sense of equality amongst students and helps to relieve the peer pressure on students to wear certain items of clothing and the financial pressure on parents to pay for expensive, branded clothing. Furthermore, it helps to foster a sense of belonging and pride in the school, as the uniform, proudly displaying our logo, is part of our Scoil Mhuire identity. Likewise, the act of putting on a uniform each morning creates a sense of purpose and focus, signifying that our students are ready to learn and work to the best of their ability in school.

We are currently reviewing our uniform and as you know we have sought feedback from parents and students regarding their views of our school uniforms. However, as it stands now, we expect all students to wear full school uniform every day or full PE uniform on PE days.

From next Tuesday 26th September, if students do not come to school in their full school uniform, we will contact you to ask you to bring their uniform to school or seek your consent in sending them home to get changed into their uniform. They will not be permitted to go to class until they are wearing their full school uniform.

Below is the regulation uniform and PE uniform for students:

| Junior Cycle Girls | Junior Cycle Boys |
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| Skirt or grey trousers Grey Shirt Green, grey and red striped tie Bottle Green V-neck jumper with grey stripe and school crest <u>Plain black</u> shoes/runners Navy or black socks | Grey trousers Grey Shirt Green and grey striped tie Bottle Green V-neck jumper with grey stripe and school crest <u>Plain black</u> shoes/runners Navy or black socks |
| PE uniform: Bottle green school crested tracksuit top <u>Plain</u> navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings <u>Plain white</u> polo neck t-shirt (no jerseys or other coloured t-shirts allowed) Runners Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece | PE uniform: Bottle green school crested tracksuit top <u>Plain</u> navy or black tracksuit bottoms <u>Plain white</u> polo neck t-shirt (no jerseys or other coloured t-shirts allowed) Runners Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece |

| Senior Cycle Girls | Senior Cycle Boys |
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| Skirt or grey trousers Grey Shirt Green, grey and red striped tie Navy V-neck jumper with grey stripe and school crest <u>Plain black</u> shoes/runners Navy or black socks Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece PE uniform: Navy school crested half zip or school crested fleece <u>Plain navy</u> or back tracksuit bottoms or leggings <u>Plain white</u> polo neck t-shirt (no jerseys or other coloured t-shirts allowed) Runners Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece | Grey trousers Grey Shirt Green and grey striped tie Navy V-neck jumper with grey stripe and school crest <u>Plain black</u> shoes/runners Navy or black socks Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece PE uniform: Navy school crested half zip or school crested fleece <u>Plain navy</u> or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings <u>Plain white</u> polo neck t-shirt (no jerseys or other coloured t-shirts allowed) Runners Optional: School crested jacket or school crested navy fleece |

Please note:

- If students do not have the school PE uniform, on PE day they must come to school in their normal school uniform. They must then change into their own tracksuit at the beginning of PE class and back into their school uniform at the end of PE. Under no circumstances are students allowed to wear their own clothes to school.
- Students are allowed to take off their jumpers in class, but they must be wearing the school shirt and tie.
- Students are not allowed to wear their own jackets inside the school, in class or at break and lunch. **Jackets must be placed in their lockers before tutor time every morning.**
- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn under the school PE uniform.

We really appreciate your ongoing support in creating a safe and ordered learning environment for all our students.

Kind regards,

Kevin Martin

Principal