



School Uniform Policy

Scoil Eoin Balloonagh, Tralee



1. Context of policy

This policy is developed in the context of the school Code of Behaviour and school rules.

2. General description of and regulations in relation to the school Uniform

- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification. If something prevents them from doing so a note of explanation is expected. The school tracksuit and runners are to be worn on P.E day.
- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition. Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice within classrooms. Extremes of hair colour and style, as determined by school management, will not be allowed.
- The wearing of make-up and nail varnish is not allowed.
- Students may wear, at most, one pair of stud earrings and a watch. The wearing of no other jewellery is allowed

3. Dress and Appearance, sanctions

- Uniforms :
 - Staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine. If the dress code is not adhered to :
 - Explanatory notes will be required
 - In the absence of satisfactory note of explanation and depending on the age of the child and circumstances:
 - Students may receive detention at break time
 - Students may be given items of uniform to wear
 - Parents may be asked to have items delivered to the school
 - Parents may be asked to collect students from the school until the uniform is corrected
- Hair and Make – up:
 - Students will be asked to remove hair colour or remedy or remedy length or hair style deemed to be extreme, to remove make-up and nail varnish. Contact may be made with parents/guardians to gain their assistance in ensuring that the rule is complied with within a reasonable timeframe. Pupils not complying with school rules will:
 - receive detention at break time
 - Parents may be asked to collect students from the school until the pupil is properly presented in accordance with the school uniform policy
- Jewellery :
 - Students will be asked to remove jewellery that is not allowed. Excess or inappropriate jewellery may be confiscated.
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The description of the uniform is as follows:

Girls :

Girls may wear any combination of the following

- Pinafore with school crest – airforce blue
- Skirt – airforce blue
- Navy trousers
- Cardigan with school crest – airforce blue
- V – neck jumper with school crest – airforce blue
- White shirt
- Navy/red/white striped tie

Boys:

- v- neck jumper with school crest – airforce blue
- navy pants
- white shirt
- navy/red/white striped tie
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Tracksuit:

The school tracksuit is red and navy and bears the school crest. It is available in Henneberys sports shop. It is worn with a white polo shirt.

Footwear.

- Shoes – black/ navy (heels, platforms etc are not allowed for health and safety reasons)
- Runners -As we encourage active yards pupils also have the option of wearing black runners as part of the school uniform. Runners must be worn on P.E days
- Boots - We also allow pupils wear plain black/navy boots during cold weather. They must be plain and wearable inside trousers legs.

The school uniform is available in Dan Fitzgerald's, The Mall, Tralee. Shirts and trousers may also be purchased in Dunnes, Tesco, Aldi, Lidl, Shaws and many other chain stores.

4. Procedures in relation to the uniform

On acceptance of a place in the school, students and parents are accepting the conditions in relation to the uniform. This is done as part of the enrolment process and parents sign acceptance of same. Specific permission is required for the wearing of a hijab.

5. The Wearing of the Hijab:

In Scoil Eoin the school uniform is an important component towards successful integration of all our pupils, in downplaying differences and in treating everybody the same. In this context and taking into account the very young age of the pupils attending our school we strongly recommend that families give due consideration to the well founded rationale behind our school uniform before making an application to the B.O.M for an exception to allow the wearing of the hijab at school. Taking the above into account an exception may be granted by the board subject to the following provisions:

- Prior to the commencement of the school year, parents/guardians apply in writing seeking permission to wear the hijab. Thereafter a meeting shall be arranged with the principal. Students who receive permission will be required to sign an agreement (see Appendix 1)
- The hijab must be **plain navy** to match the uniform (with no adornment of any kind). The hijab must be ready sown and short in length. It must be tucked in, under the shirt collar of the student in order that the school tie and crest on the school jumper are fully visible and comply with health and safety regulations in the school. In particular care must be taken while wearing a hijab in subjects with practical, active methodologies.
- The wearing of a full veil (niqab) is not facilitated in the school as it would be unsatisfactory for a teacher not to be able to see and engage properly with a pupil whose face is covered. Likewise the wearing of the Burqa is not allowed in the school as this would obliterate the school uniform in its entirety and also obstruct the norm of communication which is customary in Irish society between student and teacher.

Agreement in relation to the wearing of the Hijab in Scoil Eoin
Scoil Eoin Balloonagh, Tralee.



I understand that the wearing of a Hijab in the school is subject to the following agreement.

The hijab must be plain navy to match the uniform (with no adornments of any kind). The hijab must be ready sown and short in length. It must be worn tucked in, under the shirt collar of the student in order that the school tie and the crest on the jumper are fully visible and comply with health and safety regulations in the school. In particular, care must be taken while wearing a hijab in subjects with practical, active methodologies such as Science, Art, P.E and Gardening etc.

Signed by:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____