



School Uniform Policy

Introduction:

The Coosan National School Uniform Policy supports children to be well-presented at all times while also ensuring uniform costs are kept to a minimum for parents/guardians.

Policy Aim:

The aim of this policy is to clarify what uniform should be worn and when. Coosan National School has always valued the importance of its school uniform. It enhances every child's association with the school and provides our students with a strong sense of identity and belonging.

Review:

Following a review in consultation with pupils, parents and staff members, the Board of Management of Coosan National School has decided that the following school uniform and P.E. uniforms will apply commencing in the school year 2024/2025:

School Uniform Commencing School Year 2024-2025:**Coosan NS School Uniform**

(All pupils Junior Infants-6th Class)*

- Maroon round neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Grey polo t-shirt
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no stripes, logos or brand names)
- Plain black shorts (no stripes, logos or brand names)
- Plain black shoes/runners

*6th Class children have the option to wear their school hoodie as part of their uniform, later in the year

Coosan NS P.E. Uniform

(3rd & 4th classes school year 2024/2025 (5th & 6th classes optional for school year 2024/2025)

- Maroon & black ¼ zip P.E. top with school logo
- Grey polo t-shirt
- Plain black shiny tracksuit bottoms (no stripes, logos or brand names)
- Plain black shorts (no stripes, logos or brand names)
- Runners



Please note also the following guidelines:

- The highest standard of personal appearance will be expected at all times.
- The school will expect that all children's uniforms will be clean and tidy at all times.
- Students will be expected to wear the complete uniform.
- School uniform and School P.E. uniforms are separate uniforms and should be worn as specified.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to have the uniform washed at the weekends so that the children are not without their uniforms during the week.
- All torn items should be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.
- Children in 3rd & 4th classes will be required to wear the school tracksuit to school on PE days, when going swimming or playing after school sports.
- The school expects that all students representing the school at special events such as quizzes, curricular presentations and awards ceremonies will wear the full school uniform.
- Children should not wear leggings or bicycle shorts.
- GAA/Soccer shorts are not part of the school uniform.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to label/mark their child's name with a permanent marker/iron on label on all of their school clothes before they start the school year.
- Children should always wear runners on PE days.
- Hair should be neat and tidy.
- Eye shadow, make up, fake tan or nail polish are not permitted.
- Stud earrings, worn in the lower lobe of the ear and watches are the only jewellery permitted.

*****All items of clothing for the Coosan NS School Uniform and Coosan NS P.E. Uniforms are available from a variety of stores in Athlone such as Fossal and Suits Direct.**

Rationale and Values underlying the Uniform Policy:

- Establish an identity
- Foster a sense of equality
- Encourage a good dress code
- Setting standards for secondary school

Desired outcomes of Uniform Policy:

- Sense of belonging created
- Sense of equality increased
- Standardisation of the dress code
- Neat and tidy students
- Cost effective for parents/guardians

Roles and Responsibilities:*Pupils and Parents/Guardians:*

- The correct uniform is worn at all times
- Pupils should be neat and tidy in their appearance
- All items of clothing belonging to a pupil should be clearly labelled
- Parents/Guardians must send a note to explain an incomplete uniform or any deviation from the Uniform Policy

School staff:

- Teachers will monitor school uniforms regularly
- Uniform checks by the Principal / Deputy Principal will take place regularly
- Deviation from the uniform may merit a note from the class teacher
- In consultation with the class teacher, the school management will use its discretion in supporting pupils towards complying with the School Uniform Policy
- Any families experiencing difficulties may contact the School Principal for assistance regarding uniform related purchases. All such discussions will be treated in the strictest of confidence

Review and ratification:

School Staff were consulted with the drafting of this policy (June 2024)

A draft copy of this policy was shared with the Parents Association on 4th of June 2024.

The policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on 6th of June 2024.

This policy will be reviewed again in June 2025.

Signed: *Fr. Pat Murphy*

Chairperson of the Board of Management of Coosan National School

Date: 6th of June 2024

Signed: *Stephen Cunningham*

Principal of Coosan National School

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