

# ST. MOCHULLA'S NS



## UNIFORM POLICY

## **RATIONALE**

Wearing the school uniform reflects the pride our children have in our school and identifies St. Mochulla's N.S. children in our community. Having a uniform promotes a sense of belonging and establishes a standard of dress to be worn at school. The school encourages parents to endorse respect for school rules by assisting their children to wear the uniform according to the guidelines below.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The St. Mochulla's 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. Our school uniform policy reflects recent initiatives by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to promote cost-cutting for parents regarding school uniforms. In line with DES guidelines, our school uniform includes generic rather than branded clothing, availability of colours (navy/grey/blue) which are available from a range of suppliers and stores.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The school has a uniform policy in place:

- To promote a sense of belonging and identity for all students.
- To ensure all students are tidy in appearance and are appropriately and safely dressed for activities throughout the school day.
- To provide clear guidelines for what is acceptable as part of the school uniform.

## **AIM**

The aim of this policy is to clarify what the school uniform comprises of and which uniform should be worn and when.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

St. Mochulla's 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.

Following a review and consultation with the Parents Association and Staff of St. Mochulla's NS, it has been decided that from September 2025, our formal school uniform will comprise of:

- **BOYS:** Grey trousers, Navy V-Neck Jumper, Blue Shirt (short or long sleeved), Navy Tie, School Shorts, Sensible Shoes.
- **GIRLS:** Navy Trousers/Navy Pinafore/Navy Skirt, Navy V-Neck Jumper/Navy Cardigan, Blue Shirt (short or long sleeved), Navy Tie, School Shorts, Sensible Shoes.

St. Mochulla's National School's PE uniform will comprise of:

- Navy Round Neck Sweatshirt, Blue Polo Shirt or Blue Round Neck T-shirt, Navy Joggers/Leggings, School Shorts, Sensible Shoes. Please note that team tops, tracksuit bottoms with stripes or team crests will not be acceptable. Items must be plain navy.

**Uniform Shorts:** We are introducing a designated pair of school shorts available exclusively through COBI Sports. These will cost €15 and can be purchased during specific ordering windows throughout the year. They can be customised with children's initials. We will advise when the online shop will be open for purchasing. No other shorts will be permitted to be worn with our school uniform. These can be worn interchangeably with both the Formal School Uniform and PE Uniform.

**All other uniform items can be sourced from generic retailers, and no crests are required.**

**See Appendix 1 for examples of the formal school uniform and PE uniform.**

**PLEASE NOTE ALSO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for students.
- 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. Parents 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 will be required to wear the school tracksuit to school on PE days, when going swimming or other school related sports activities. Individual teachers will decide on appropriate clothing for different activities and will advise their class of this each year.

- The school expects that all students representing the school at special events such as quizzes, curricular presentations and awards ceremonies will wear the full formal school uniform etc.
- Hair should be neat and tidy.
- Eyeshadow, makeup, fake nails and other cosmetics are not permitted.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Pupils and Parents:**

- The correct uniform is worn at all times.
- Pupils should be neat and tidy in their appearance.
- All items belonging to a pupil should be clearly labelled.
- Parents must send a note to explain 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.
- In consultation with the class teacher, the school management will use its discretion in supporting pupils towards complying with the Uniform Policy.
- Any families experiencing difficulties may talk with the School Principal for assistance regarding uniform related purchases. All such discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## **REVIEW**

Please note the policy is due to be reviewed in June 2029.

## **RATIFICATION/COMMUNICATION**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairperson, Board of Management)

# ST. MOCHULLA'S NS SCHOOL UNIFORM



Plain Navy V-Neck Jumper



Light Blue Shirt (short sleeve also permitted)



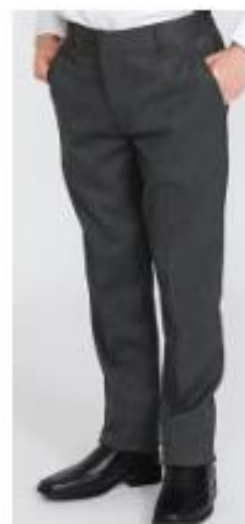
Navy tie (Available in School Office)



Navy Pinafore



Navy Cardigan



Grey Trousers for Boys



Navy Skirt



Navy Trousers for Girls



School Shorts (available from COBI Sports) (available from COBI Sports)

# ST. MOCHULLA'S NS PE UNIFORM



Plain Navy Sweatshirt



Light Blue T-Shirt (Polo or round neck option)



Navy Joggers



Navy Leggings



School Shorts (available from COBI Sports)