**Scoil Réalt na Mara N.S. School Uniform Policy**

1. The School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy adopted in Scoil Réalt na Mara and which is signed by every parent/guardian.

2. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/ daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform.

3. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son / daughter maintains a high standard of uniform dress.

**Rationale for School Uniform**

1. A school uniform reflects a sense of belonging to a school community and therefore it is our aim that each pupil would take pride in their appearance in full school uniform.

2. A uniform ensures children look smart and neat in their school uniform.

3. School uniform is about Equality- all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.

4. The school uniform is quite economical and can be purchased in many retail stores.

5. School uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.

6. School uniform enables our pupils to take pride in their school and to have a sense of belonging.

7. A school uniform supports positive behaviour.

8. A school uniform helps create a school identity.

9. A school uniform establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image Scoil Realt na Mara wishes to present.

10. A school uniform is a practical way of preparing the children for expectations in secondary school.

11. The wearing of uniform indicates acceptance of shared goals and support for the values Scoil Realt na Mara seeks to achieve.

12. A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom .

**Scoil Realt na Mara NS Uniform Policy**

**Girls**

Grey Skirt, dress, pinafore or pants. §

Sky blue blouse and navy tie § Navy Jumper . §

School Crest embroidered on Left of Jumper. Crests are on sale in the school.

Socks or tights in Winter.

**Boys**

Grey pants

Sky blue shirt and navy tie.

Navy Jumper and School Crest embroidered on left of Jumper. Crests are on sale in the school.

No flip flops, slip on shoes or high heeled shoes allowed because of health & safety.

One pair of earrings may be worn. For safety reasons, stud-type earrings are the only ones allowed to be worn in school.

The wearing of make-up is not allowed

**P.E. Uniform for Boys and Girls:**

Plain Navy Track-suit with a pale blue stripe down the leg with School Crest embroidered on left-hand side. A sky blue Polo Shirt. Runners or P.E. Navy shorts with a pale blue stripe can be ordered for the summer. Tracksuits are ordered from Deja Sports via the school in June for the following year.

The school tracksuit and runners are to be worn on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

The tracksuit is not an acceptable uniform everyday. Outside of PE days it may only be worn in the event of an emergency or on days /events specified by the school principal.

Tracksuits are worn;

1. For the week of Active Week
2. On school tours
3. For Sporting events such as Sciath na Scol

These occasions will be announced by the Principal via the school email system

**Hair**

Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice and distraction within classrooms.

**Labelling**

Parents should ensure that all items are adequately labelled with their child’s details.

The school crest can be purchased from the school office for sewing onto jumpers and cardigans.

**Scoil Réalt na Mara NS Uniform Policy Dress and Appearance – Implementation and Sanctions**

Staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine.

Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification. If the dress code is not adhered to an explanatory note will be required

In the absence of a satisfactory note of explanation and depending on the circumstances, students may be given items of uniform to wear for the day or parents will be contacted to bring the appropriate clothing.

Students will be asked to remove make-up.

Staff will refer to the code of behaviour sanctions if there is persistent failure to adhere to the school policy and rules.

The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts, pants and jumpers in the major stores and from the local suppliers. When generic items are purchased, parents are asked to purchase the school crest from the office and sew it on to each jumper, tracksuit top and polo shirt. Generic jumpers, pants , tracksuits , polo shirts, etc. may be purchased an major retail stores such as Aldi, Lidl, Dunnes, Tesco, Penneys, etc. Crests will be available for purchase at cost of €4 from the school office.

**Dress Code for Feel Good Friday and Novelty Days**

At school, both girls and boys should wear clothes that cover their **shoulders/torso/stomach and just above the knee.** The BOM advocate the promotion of health and wellbeing in the school and fully embrace Feel Good Friday and Novelty days for the children and staff but the above dress code must be adhered to.

This policy was reviewed by the staff, parents and BOM.

This policy was ratified by the BOM on 19/03/2024

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