

## St Mary's N.S. Uniform Policy

St. Mary's NS Coolfancy values 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.

- It is policy that each pupil will wear the correct uniform each day.
- Infants: There is a choice of wearing a light grey tracksuit (not leggings) with white polo tee-shirt or grey trousers/skirt, white shirt or blouse and a green knitted jumper with grey stripe and school crest.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class: Grey trousers, light grey tracksuit (not leggings) or grey skirt; white shirt, polo tee-shirt or blouse; green knitted jumper with grey stripe and school crest.
- 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.
- The school asks that all students representing the school at special events such as quizzes, presentations, awards ceremonies or whole school outings wear their grey trousers/skirt along with their school jumper and shirt.
- Socks and tights in dark colours only must be worn.
- A welcome package is given to parents on enrolment of their child and this contains the uniform policy.
- Pupils who do not have the correct uniform must bring a note from their parents explaining why.
- For P.E. classes pupils may wear a light grey tracksuit bottoms instead of the uniform grey trousers or skirt and white polo tee-shirt.
- On warm weather days children may wear a light grey shorts if they wish.
- Slippers or indoor footwear must be worn inside the classroom.
- Stud Earrings only to be worn in school.
- Facial piercings ( including tongue rings and lobe stretchers) are strictly forbidden.

- Makeup, mascara, eye shadow, fake nails or lipstick is not permitted.
- Hair Dye is not permitted.
- Children should have their names clearly marked on their uniforms, coats and other personal belongings.
- **Children who arrive to school with the incorrect uniform and without a note will be given the correct piece of uniform from the school office for that day.**

### **Rationale and Values underlying the Uniform Policy**

1. Establish an Identity
2. Equality
3. Encourage good dress codes
4. Setting standards for secondary school.

### **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.

#### Staff:

- Teachers will monitor uniforms regularly
- Deviation from the uniform may merit a note from the class teacher
- Any families experiencing difficulties may talk with the school principal for assistance regarding uniform related purchases. All such discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### **Ratification**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on the date.....

**Signed.....**

**Chairperson to the Board of Management**

**Images below highlight appropriate shade of light grey.**

