



## **SN Cholmcille Naofa**

### **School Uniform**

#### **Introductory Statement**

The uniform is very important for the image of the school and it enforces your child's association with the school. We ask you to adhere strictly to the colour scheme of the uniform.

#### **Rationale**

It was agreed to introduce a uniform

- To promote equality amongst pupils by reducing competition amongst peers
- To be cost effective– no need for multiple sets of clothes
- To eliminate arguments at home regarding choice of clothes

This policy will provide clarity in regard to expectations of the dress code.

#### **Relationship to Characteristic Spirit of the School**

This policy strives to uphold the ethos of the school by promoting quality relationships, concern for equality of opportunity and concern and respect for every child, respect in the pupil's behaviour towards each other, their care of the environment and in the use of their time and talents.

#### **Aims**

1. To promote a sense of pride in the school.
2. To promote a collective identity for the school in the community.
3. To promote equality in terms of appearance and reduce socio economic tensions among pupils.
4. To provide a uniform that will be comfortable, good value, practical and smart.
5. To assist teachers in recognising their pupils on excursions.

#### **Guidelines**

- Pupils must wear the full school uniform at all times except on PE /swimming days when they wear the tracksuit. Parents will be informed by the class teacher of PE days and any other time when the tracksuit should be worn. The crested items of the uniform are available at the National Schoolwear Centre, Galway. All other items are available in Dunnes, M&S, Penneys etc.
- The school uniform consists of: navy jumper with the school crest, blue polo shirt (plain) , navy trousers / plain navy skirt (not box pleat) , navy tights/ socks, shoes (not specified)
- The school tracksuit consists of: Royal blue sweatshirt with the school crest, runners (not shoes)
- When playing hurling or camogie, pupils must wear a helmet and appropriate footwear.
- Indoor shoes or slippers must be worn inside the school at all time

**The following items of dress are deemed inappropriate;**

- Any clothing with advertisements or depictions of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or offensive messages.
- Any other items of clothing deemed inappropriate by the staff.
- Wallet chains.
- Jewellery, except watches and stud ear rings.
- Necklaces worn outside of the uniform.
- Platform soles or high heel shoes.
- “Heelies” shoes.
- Pupils must not wear outdoor clothes, caps etc in the classroom.
- As the use of make-up and nail polish is not considered appropriate, it is not allowed at school.

**Please Note:**

All personal belonging are to be marked clearly. The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for children’s property.

. Labels must be placed on uniform for ease of sorting after sports, playtime etc.

**Success Criteria**

The school uniform promotes school identity, unity and pride.

This policy will be deemed successful if the wearing of the uniform removes ‘style’ as a distraction to learning, helps pupils cope with peer pressure and promotes equality amongst students.

**Roles and Responsibility**

The policy will be developed and implemented with the support of the pupils, parents, staff and the Board of Management.

**Role of Parents/Guardians**

The responsibility for the dress and appearance of pupils primarily rests with parents/guardians. In the interest of equality and the promotion of pride in SN Cholmcille Naofa N.S. parents are asked to adhere to the guidelines in this policy. Pupils who come to school without a uniform should have a signed note explaining the reason why.

**Role of Staff, BOM & PA**

The staff, BOM & PA will facilitate and encourage the wearing of the uniform.

**Timeframe for Implementation**

This policy will be implemented following ratification by the Board of Management.

**Responsibility for Review**

The BOM will review this policy in June 2012 in consultation with all the partners in education.

**Ratification and Communication**

Following ratification by the Board of Management, this policy will be accessible on the school website. [www.castlegarns.ie](http://www.castlegarns.ie)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, BOM.

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