

Parteen National School

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Dress Code Policy

Aims and Objectives

As a primary school catering for children between the ages of four to thirteen, Parteen NS aims to provide a safe, child-friendly learning environment where all pupils are free to pass through the various stages of their development without any unnecessary pressures.

Whole School Approach

The Board of Management requests that all parents/guardians cooperate fully in ensuring the following school dress code is adhered to. In the interest of health and safety, children should wear the appropriate school uniform and adhere to all elements of this policy as applicable.

Rationale

Parteen 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. The policy strives to level the socio-economic playing field by reducing the peer pressure to wear expensive/designer/branded clothing.

School Uniform

We have a formal school uniform in which all children wear three days per week. This is a grey skirt or trousers with a grey shirt, grey jumper with the Parteen crest and the Parteen school tie.

We have a PE uniform, which is worn on two specific days, which is a navy non-branded tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), a navy t-shirt with a logo (bought directly from the school) or white t-shirt and the Parteen NS tracksuit top (available from Fennessy's). During warm weather spells, navy non-branded knee length shorts can be worn.

The main supplier of the key elements of the uniform (grey crested jumper, school tie and navy crested PE top) is Fennessy's, William Street, Limerick. These items must be purchased here as the logo is embroidered into the jumpers at source. Other elements can be purchased in Fennessy's or in various other department stores. Children should have their names clearly marked on their uniforms, coats and other personal belongings.

The school hopes that all students representing the school at special events such as quizzes, curricular presentations and awards ceremonies will wear the full formal school uniform.

Stud earrings, worn in the lower lobe of the ear and watches are the only jewellery permitted. In the interest of health and safety, jewellery should not be worn to school; necklaces, chains and long earrings may all be pulled, accidentally or otherwise, whilst the wearing of large rings, brooches or badges could pose a risk (again accidentally or otherwise) to fellow pupils. Smart watches with recording or photography capabilities are not allowed. Pupils should not wear **any** form of make-up to school at any time. This includes fake tan, lip gloss/lipstick, mascara, nail extensions, false nails or false eyelashes to school.

Pupils who do not adhere to the dress code will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the Code of Behaviour.

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/email to the class teacher 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.
- Deviation from the uniform may merit a note from the class teacher or a phonecall to parents/guardians
- Repeated deviations from the dress code will result in the implementation of the Code of Behaviour
- In consultation with the class teacher, the school management will use its discretion in supporting pupils towards complying with the Uniform Policy, in particular pupils with additional needs.

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.

This plan was ratified by the BOM on _____ and is subject to review as the need arises.

Signed: *Deirdre Goode*

(Chairperson BOM Parteen National School)

20th January 2023