

St Malachy's Boys' National School

UNIFORM POLICY

'Building confidence to realise potential'



The School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy adopted in St Malachy's BNS and which is signed by every parent/guardian.

Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son is equipped with the correct school uniform and maintains a high standard of uniform dress and hygiene.

Rationale for School Uniform

- 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 and school tracksuit.
- School uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.
- A school uniform supports positive behaviour.
- A school uniform helps create a school identity.
- A school uniform establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image St. Malachy's BNS wishes to present.
- A school uniform reinforces a pride of appearance among the pupils in the school.
- The wearing of uniform indicates acceptance of shared goals and support for the values St. Malachy's BNS seeks to achieve.

Below are details of the required school uniform for St Malachy's BNS. If, for any reason, pupils are unable to wear the correct school uniform, parents should provide a note of explanation to the class teacher. Occasionally, teachers may request that school PE tracksuit be worn for various school events such as sports day, sporting events, school outings, sponsored walks etc.

Full School Uniform - to be worn Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:

- Grey (crested) v-neck jumper
- Grey shirt
- Grey trousers
- School tie (grey/black striped)
- Plain black footwear

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School PE tracksuit - to be worn Thursday and Friday:

- Grey (crested) crew-neck jumper
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain black bottoms
- Runners (preferably black)

Seasonal Variations:

- Shorts: Plain black shorts/grey trouser shorts are optional for summer wear

Cost and place of purchase:

- All t-shirts, trousers and shirts should be non branded, allowing a flexibility in place of purchase and in price.
- V-neck and crew neck crested jumpers can be purchased from McEvoy's (Clanbrassil St.), Michael Lynch Menswear (Clanbrassil St.) and RK Manufacturing (York St.).

Labelling:

- Parents should ensure pupil's NAME is clearly stated on all coats, jumpers and polo-shirts.

Hair:

- Parents are advised that hair be kept neat and clean.
- Long hair should be kept tied back at all times to prevent the spread of head lice.
- Please avoid extreme haircuts and colours.

Jewellery and accessories:

- For health and safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is prohibited in St. Malachy's Boys' School. This includes rings, bracelets, earrings, chains, necklaces etc.
- Nail polish and make up are prohibited.
- Sunglasses, hats, scarves or gloves must not be worn during class times.

Watches:

- A small simple watch may be worn in school.
- Please avoid watches with loud alarms which are distracting for the other pupils.
- Smart watches or any other type of watch which has a camera installed are not allowed in school.

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Lost property:

- A lost property basket is located in the secretary's office.
- Pupils or parents must seek permission from the school secretary before searching the lost property basket.
- Unclaimed lost property is sent to charity shops or bag to school fundraisers at the end of the school year.

Communication:

- This policy will be uploaded to the policies section of the school website for parents and other members of the school community.
- A copy of the completed policy will be forwarded to the Parents Association.
- It will be available for teaching staff on Microsoft Teams.
- A copy will also be made available to the student council.