

# Réalt Na Mara National School

Dunmore East, County Waterford



## Uniform Policy

### Introduction

The school uniform is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy adopted by Réalt na Mara National School and which is signed by every parent/guardian. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their son/ daughter is equipped with the correct school uniform. Parents are asked to make every reasonable effort to ensure that their child maintains a high standard of uniform dress.

### Rationale for School Uniform

1. The 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. Children look smart and neat and are 'work ready' in their school uniform.
3. The school uniform promotes equality- all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.
4. The school uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.
5. The school uniform supports positive behaviour.

### Uniform

Girls	Boys
Grey knee Length Skirt or Grey trousers	Grey Trousers
White shirt	White Shirt
Red Tie	Red Tie
Navy V-neck Jumper with crest	Navy V-neck Jumper with crest
Grey tights or grey socks	Grey Socks
Dark shoes	Dark Shoes
High heels are not permitted	

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

School Track-suit with school crest embroidered on left-hand side.

White Polo Shirt

Dark Rubber soled runners for P.E. and Indoor games

The School Tracksuit is to be worn on PE days only. The teacher will outline PE days at the beginning of the school year.

### **Uniform for Infants**

Junior and Senior Infants wear their school tracksuit daily.

### **Seasonal Variations**

Pupils may wear navy knee length navy generic shorts in extremely warm weather as advised by the principal.

During cold weather children are encouraged to wear a base layer (sports Skins or thermals) if they are cold as this will not be visible under his/her uniform. Hoodies etc over the uniform are not permitted.

### **General Considerations**

The wearing of make-up, hair extensions, fake nails or fake eyelashes is not permitted.

#### **Hair**

All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition. Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice. Dyed hair is not permitted.

#### **Jewellery**

Children may wear one pair of stud earrings. Pupils may not wear any other facial-piercing studs/ rings at school. A wrist watch may be worn.

#### **Labelling**

Parents should ensure that all items are adequately labelled with their child's details. A pen or formal label can be used for this purpose.

#### **Lost Property**

A lost property basket is located in the foyer of each campus. Pupils or parents must seek permission from the school secretary or class teacher before searching the lost property basket. Unclaimed lost property is sent to charity shops at the end of the school year.

## **Note: 2021-2022**

As per COVID guidelines, at the moment parents are not able to come in to the school, children will have to search for their lost property.

### **Special Circumstances**

Where a child has additional needs, the principal is available to discuss and put in place any necessary adaptations where appropriate.

### **Implementation**

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. Students will be asked to remove make-up or inappropriate jewellery where required.

The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts and pants in the major stores and from the local suppliers. Pupils may NOT combine the PE uniform with the formal school uniform. Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

### **Uniform Availability**

Uniforms are available from:

1. K-Sports,
2. Generic pants, tracksuit pants, polo shirts, etc. may be purchased from major retail stores such as Aldi, Lidl, Dunnes and Tesco etc.

### **Communication, Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be communicated to staff and the school community as appropriate and will be subjected to regular review. In accordance with the systematic cycle of review of policies adopted in Réalt na Mara National School, it will be reviewed initially after one year and then every three years, unless there is a compelling reason to review it earlier.

Signed:  P.P.

Single Manager

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021