

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Following discussions with the Parents Association, Students Council, Board of Management and Staff the Uniform Policy has been amended. The Board has determined that the School Uniform is a fundamental part of the school identity and underscores all areas of school life.

Uniform Policy:

(A) Carndonagh Community School Uniform now is defined as :

1. Navy Pullover with school crest – only available from school.
2. Light Blue Shirt
3. Dark Grey (Charcoal) Trousers / Skirt.
4. Black Regular Sole Shoes – No Runners.
5. School Jacket – **compulsory for pupils in All Years and for pupils representing the school** – only available from school. Due to discipline and security issues the Board has banned the wearing of 'Hoodie' jackets **for all pupils** from September 2005.

(B) Rationale for School Uniform:

1. Makes all pupils equal creates a clear school identity.
2. Reduces expense to parents of regularly having to purchase clothes for their children – often at the dictate of fashion.
3. Pupils can clearly be distinguished from intruders and makes the school a safer environment for all.
4. Represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of C.C.S.
5. Establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image the school wishes to present.
6. Reinforces a pride among the pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities

(C) Enforcement Policy:

To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is again dependent on the support of you, the parents and guardians. It is neither possible nor practical for the school to operate exceptions to this policy, though we acknowledge that there will occasionally be genuine reasons why your child may arrive in school not wearing full uniform. The school will offer replacement school trousers and jersey to pupils presenting out of uniform. The Principal / Deputy Principal will deal at lunchtime with all uniform matters that have not been addressed first thing in the morning. Pupils will not be admitted to class in jeans.

Pupils are expected to adhere to the full school uniform as defined in the School Journal: the school uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held.

It is compulsory for pupils sitting the State Examinations (Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied) to present in full school uniform. This permits clear identification of all persons and helps identify that only authorised persons are on the premises.

Failure to co-operate with this requirement will result in sanction and report to Board of Management. Obstruction of the school management's requests to co-operate with this rule may result in refusal by the Board to approve enrolment for the following academic year.

Reviewed and amended by the Board of Management 25th June 2009