**Scoil Mhuire Uniform Policy**

The members of the Board of the Management, in collaboration with The Parents’ Association and the School Staff have drawn up this policy.

**Rationale**

It is important that our children learn to present themselves appropriately. A neat and tidy school uniform will help children to understand the importance of presentation and will help them develop their self-esteem and self-confidence.

The highest standard of personal appearance is expected at all times as it represents the standards set by our school for our children.

The Board of Management, Staff and Parents’ Association try hard to maintain the highest of standards in matters of dress code and personal appearance for the whole school community.

Accordingly, parents and guardians are asked to ensure that pupils comply with these standards in matters of general appearance, hairstyles, dress and jewellery at all times during the school term (only watches and simple stud earrings may be worn). Make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted at any time. Hair should be neat and tidy.

**The school uniform for Junior Infants up to and including 2nd Class:**

* red sweatshirt (with school logo printed on it),
* white polo/aertex shirt,
* navy trousers (boys),
* skirt/pinafore (girls),
* navy outdoor jacket with school crest (optional).

**3rd to 6th Class:** as above but children at this level wear a red v-neck Scoil Mhuire jumper instead of a sweatshirt.

Suitable footwear (with grips for safety) should be worn at all times.

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**General Points**

The school uniform is worn on all school days unless parents are notified in advance of a change.

It is understandable that from time to time a child may come to school without the correct uniform due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case the child should bring a written note to school explaining the reason for not having the correct uniform or a parent/guardian can ‘phone the office.

Every child should be encouraged to take responsibility for his/her own appearance.

On P.E. days the children wear a navy sweatshirt and polo shirt with navy tracksuit bottoms and runners. The child’s teacher will inform parents/guardians which is P.E. day.

Parents of Junior Infants are asked to ensure that their children can zip/unzip their own coats and that if possible their children should have shoes with Velcro fastenings.

There are over 300 children in the school wearing the school uniform. In order that a pupil does not lose his/her jumper/track suit/jacket… parents/guardians are asked to please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with the pupil’s name.