

# SCOIL MHUIRE



## KANTURK

# Uniform Policy



*Revised and Ratified November 2024*



### School Uniform Policy

#### Introduction

Scoil Mhuire's uniform and this supporting policy play a key role in creating a sense of community, equality and wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of peers.

Our school uniform follows principles of cost-effective practice as recommended by Circular 0032/2017 and has been approved by parents, students, teachers and the Board of Management.

The school uniform is **obligatory for all students for the entire school year** and applies to; all occasions when representing the school including extracurricular activities, and the duration of the State Examinations for Junior Cycle students.

The decision to remove the requirement for Sixth Year students to wear school uniforms rests with the Principal. It is only after the completion of certain examinations (orals and practical) or other milestones that the Principal may relax uniform policies for Leaving Certificate students.

The uniform consists of;

- Specified Crested Black Jumper (*supplied only by Central Stores*)
- Specified Grey Trousers / Skirt (*as supplied by Central Stores, or matching item from alternative suppliers*)
- Plain white shirt with collar (Un-crested) (*as supplied by Central Stores or matching item from alternative suppliers*)
- Plain Black low-heeled shoes
- Specified Crested School Jacket (*supplied by Central Stores & O'Neils.com*)

*A range of school jacket options can be purchased and individualised through the above specified suppliers.*

*Students can wear school specified school jackets **only** on the school premises and in classes.*

## **PE**

- Specified Crested T-Shirt (*supplied by O'Neils.com*)
- Black Pants / Shorts / Leggings (*supplied by O'Neils.com or matching item from alternative suppliers*)
- Sports shoes (non-marking).

*All elements of the school uniform must appear clean and tidy – parents/guardians are asked to co-operate with the school in this regard.*

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## **Suppliers**

The items specified above are available from;

- Central Stores (Kanturk) Limited, Watergate St, Kanturk, Co. Cork, (029) 50099.
- O'Neills Online Club Shop @ <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by team/education/schools/scoilmhuirekanturk>

*Matching items as specified and supplied by the above can be sourced through alternative retailers.*

*Uniform requirements will be notified to parents and students prior to the start of each school year.*

*\* Additional items listed in the O'Neill's Scoil Mhuire Kanturk Clubstore are permitted to be worn where appropriated, however these items are not to be worn in place of the specified school uniform as above.*

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## **Clarifications**

To avoid any misunderstandings the following clarifications are offered;

- Students are not permitted to bring or wear other types of jackets, tops, hoodies, sweatshirts, cardigans etc. to school.
- Students found wearing such tops over their uniform will be asked to remove them and may have such items confiscated for a period of time at the discretion of Senior Management.
- The specified trousers must be worn. Leggings, tracksuit, sweatpants, yoga pants etc. are not permitted.
- Footwear other than that specified above is not permitted. Therefore trainers, boots, coloured / logoed footwear is not acceptable.
- Items specified for PE are only to be worn for PE class and not in place of the main school uniform.

- PE items can be worn by students travelling to school, in place of the main school uniform, if PE class occurs before morning break of that day. The main school uniform must be worn following PE class.

During exceptional periods of cold weather students are encouraged to wear additional layer(s). These must be worn under the specified school uniform.

In exceptional circumstances where a student has a temporary problem with their uniform, a note from their parent / guardian should be recorded on TYRO or written in their Student Journal in **advance of the student presenting for morning Assembly** and Year Manager uniform checks.

*Spare jumpers / trousers are available for students to borrow from the school in such circumstances.*

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## **Other areas of School Uniform**

### **Parents Association Uniform Recycling Scheme**

The SMK Parents Association facilitate a Uniform Recycling Scheme. Clean used uniforms may be donated or purchased via the school office.

### **Jewellery**

A minimum of jewellery is allowed; with a maximum of two small studs in the lobe each ear, and/or a singular nose stud.

For Health & Safety reasons all ring piercings, facial jewellery of the eye, lip and tongue, and other body piercings are not allowed.

Students wearing excess jewellery will be instructed to remove it at home.

Should the identified excessive jewellery return to school following this instruction the schools Code of Behaviour and Discipline, its discipline procedures and sanctions will apply.

### **Cosmetics**

Hairstyles or levels of cosmetics deemed to be of a distracting nature and not in keeping with proper grooming standards and the professional appearance of a shared workplace are discouraged and fall within the scope of this policy.

## **Headphones / Earbuds**

The wearing of headphones/earbuds is prohibited unless specific permission is granted by Senior Management or a teacher.

## **Compliance**

Students who fail to wear the proper school uniform and fail to present parental correspondence of an exceptional circumstances will be issued a uniform detention.

Uniform detention does not incur points as specified in the schools Code of Behaviour and Discipline as per *Appendix 1 – Summary of discipline procedures*.

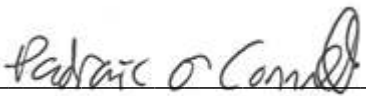
A continued lack of compliance with the schools Uniform Policy will be deemed as a formal discipline issue and fall within the scope of the schools Code of Behaviour and Discipline, its discipline procedures and sanctions.

The schools Uniform Policy and the clarifications outlined are intended to support the vast majority of students who comply with the uniform requirements and to remind the minority who do not of their obligations.

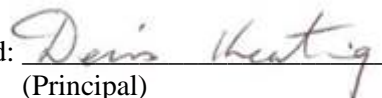
We kindly request your support in ensuring fairness for all students in the implementation of the school uniform policy.

The Board may periodically review uniform requirements, in consultation with staff, parents and students.

**Ratified by BOM on 19-11-2024**

Signed:   
(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Date: 19-11-2024

Signed:   
(Principal)

Date: 19-11-2024

Date of next review: May 2026