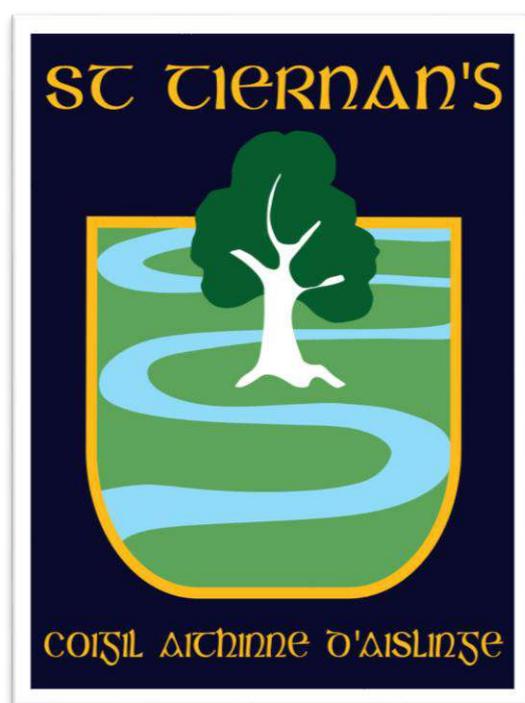


School Uniform Policy

St Tiernan's Community School



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St Tiernan's is very proud of its students and the school uniform which clearly identifies and distinguishes them. Our school uniform is a huge part of our identity as a community of learners. The students of St Tiernan's wear their uniform with pride and honour. The manner in which students present and conduct themselves while in uniform reflects significantly on the public image of St Tiernan's Community School. Therefore, students wearing our uniform should always be conscious that they represent the entire school community, and as such, their conduct, attitude and manners should reflect our school principles and values (school ethos).

Students are expected to **wear the full school uniform every day, while travelling to and from school**. It is worn during the State Examinations Commission exams, and when engaged in school activities. This policy applies to all students attending St Tiernan's Community School.

Relationship to the school ethos.

A school uniform should reflect school community standards and expectations. St Tiernan's Community School encourages the pursuit of excellence and strives to create an environment conducive to attaining high standards of teaching and learning. The school uniform is one of the ways in which a positive climate of learning is achieved. St Tiernan's Community School is an inclusive school, with a caring and respectful ethos. The school uniform plays a crucial role in establishing and maintaining the school identity. It ensures that pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome, and it protects children from external pressure to dress in a particular way. The school uniform policy is based on the following values.

1. Establishing an identity, a sense of pride and belonging in the community.
2. Equality on a social-economics basis.
3. Encouraging high standards in appearance and dress code.
4. Educational benefit as it helps our students to learn better by removing a major source of distraction.
5. Health and safety of the school community. It makes it much easier for staff and the public to recognise a student belonging to St Tiernan's.

A lot of hard work, research, time and collaboration have gone into choosing the uniform for St Tiernan's Community school. **Parents and guardians are expected to show their support by fully co-operating with the school in ensuring that all students wear the full school uniform to and from school every day.**

Objectives of the Policy

- The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image for the school.
- The uniform makes pupils recognisable as members of St Tiernan's Community School.
- The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition.
- The wearing of the uniform contributes to better order on the school premises
- The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

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Roles and Responsibilities

Whole School Community

The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of standards and expectations.

Students

The school uniform is a fundamental part of the whole school identity. Students must wear the full school uniform when enrolled and attending St Tiernan's Community School; this includes extra-curricular activities, the journey to and from school and during the State Commission Exams.

Parents

Parents/Guardians are expected to support and cooperate with the school by ensuring their child wears the school uniform every day. The support and cooperation of Parents and Guardians in ensuring their child complies fully with the uniform policy is vitally important.

Staff

Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students.

Uniform Description Junior Cycle

Junior Girls	Junior Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Turquoise V-necked jumper with school crest● Green/Blue checked school skirt (or) navy school trousers● Cream Shirt/Blouse● Official navy school jacket● Black shoes with black soles and black laces only (No white/coloured stripes)● Navy knee high socks (or) Black/Navy opaque tights (No fish nets or patterns)● Scarf (black or navy only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Turquoise crew necked jumper with school crest● Navy school trousers● Pale blue shirt● Official navy school jacket● Black shoes with black soles and black laces only (No white/coloured stripes)● Scarf (black or navy only)

Uniform Description Senior Cycle

Senior Girls	Senior Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy V-necked jumper with school crest● Green/Blue checked school skirt (or) navy school trousers● Cream Shirt/Blouse● Official navy school jacket● Black shoes with black soles and black laces only (No white/coloured stripes)● Navy knee high socks (or) Black/Navy opaque tights (No fish nets or patterns)● Scarf (black or navy only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy crew necked jumper with school crest● Navy school trousers● Pale blue shirt● Official navy school jacket● Black shoes with black soles and black laces only (No white/coloured stripes)● Scarf (black or navy only)

The following shoes are seen as examples of plain black acceptable footwear



The following types of shoes are not permitted to be worn by students:



The above list of shoes is not exhaustive. Please contact the school if you are unsure before purchasing footwear.

PE/ Sporting Activities

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Choice of either navy school crested half-zip top or navy school crested hoodie
- School crested navy t-shirt
- School crested navy tracksuit bottoms

Appropriate sportswear and runners must be worn for P.E classes and all sporting activities.

Our PE uniform is compulsory for all students, and should be worn by students for all physical education classes. Moreover, it should be worn when students are representing the school in extra-curricular outdoor activities and sports events.

General Guidelines

- Students, who comply with the uniform policy, promote and represent the school and themselves in a positive manner in the community and this compliance will be noted on their school record.
- The wearing of the correct and complete uniform is integral to our code of discipline/behaviour.
- Uniforms should be clean and tidy at all times, and only items of uniform should be visible.
- Chains should be worn inside the jumper and no air-pods visible.
- The school Board of Management reserves the right to adjudicate on the appropriateness of hair styles, body piercings, jewellery, make-up.

Sanctions

1. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to **ensure that their son/daughter is in full school uniform before leaving home each morning.**
 2. The school uniform will be monitored and inspected on a daily basis.
 3. Any item which is not part of the school uniform may be confiscated and returned at the discretion of school management.
 4. Parents/Guardians of students not complying with school uniform policy will be contacted to make arrangements for resolution.
 5. Students failing to comply with school uniform policy will be placed in detention.
 6. Flagrant and/or persistent breaches of the uniform policy will be treated as a serious breach of school discipline. Management will follow the sanctions of our code of behaviour in these cases.
 7. While the school makes every effort to ensure the safe-keeping of student's belongings/property, the Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for items lost/stolen.
 8. The Board of Management reserves the right to adjudicate on the appropriateness of hair styles, body piercings, jewellery, make-up.
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