

# Kinsale Community School Uniform Policy

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## Mission Statement

Kinsale Community School is committed to:

- Enabling all students to fulfil their academic, intellectual, moral, spiritual, social, cultural and physical potential
- Fostering the development of personal responsibility
- Engendering a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect among students, staff, management, parents, and the wider community
- Facilitating the professional development of staff

...in a safe and caring environment.

## Rationale

The school uniform is a fundamental aspect of the school identity and it presents many advantages for the school community:

- Creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition
- Creates a clear school identity in the school and wider community
- Reduces expense to parents
- Pupils can clearly be distinguished from intruders on site
- Represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of K.C.S.
- Establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image the school wishes to present
- Reinforces a pride among the pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities

## The School Crest



The School Crest is a simple variation on the Kinsale town crest, incorporating the school name. The school colours incorporate the blue of the sea, that gives the area its life and gold for the wealth of education. The school motto *Omnes Communiter Discendo* means "All together in learning" and this reflects a positive attitude to the amalgamation itself, to the wide range of academic and practical subjects in the school and especially to the variety of backgrounds, nationalities and ages of the students.

## Uniform Details

- V-necked blue school jumper with gold stripe around neck band and KCS crest (embroidered/sew-on/iron-on)
- Pale blue school shirt/ blouse
- Blue and yellow school tie (boys)
- Grey knee length school skirt (girls)
- Grey school trousers with dark socks (boys or girls)
- Black footwear must be worn by all students.

- Girls must wear either black knee socks or black tights with skirts.
- Full and correct uniform must be worn at all times
- School uniform should be kept for school use only and should always be clean and neat
- P.E. uniform is not accepted as a substitute for school uniform
- A student representing the school for any reason must wear correct school uniform
- The PE uniform consists of a navy polo shirt with crest, blue sweat shirt with crest, navy tracksuit bottom and runners.
- No hoodies
- No jeans
- No heavy makeup
- No excessive jewellery
- No facial piercings
- Studs only in ears
- Neat hair

### **Availability**

The full school uniform is currently available from Laura's of Douglas (021-4361017) and non-crested items are available from various stores.

### **Presentation and wearing the school uniform**

The uniform must be maintained in neat condition. All students are expected to wear the specified uniform at all times and on all school related activities unless agreed otherwise. The designated school tracksuit and runners must be worn during P.E. The School will only accept designated School Uniform. Parents / guardians are expected to ensure that each pupil attends school each day in full clean uniform. It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure every item of their child's uniform is labelled clearly with their child's name. Please use a waterproof marker. The school cannot take any responsibility for any item of student property either lost, stolen or damaged while in school.

### **Enforcement of Uniform Policy**

To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is dependent on the support of staff, parents and guardians.

Any student who comes to school and is not in full school uniform must report to their Year Head before the school day begins.

The school have a supply of the various individual items of school uniform in the school. If a student attends school without the full school uniform they will be provided with a loan of the missing item/s of school uniform to be worn for the school day.

For students who develop a pattern of coming to school out of uniform, their Parent/Guardian will be contacted, and the appropriate measures will be taken. Students in breach of any school Policy will be dealt with in accordance with our Code of Behaviour. Any student who is out of uniform will not be admitted to class without having first gone through the above reporting procedure.