



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM / DRESS CODE POLICY 2025**

### **Rationale:**

In St. Corban's NS we believe that the school dress code:

- ❖ Promotes a sense of belonging in the school community
- ❖ Gives the school a unique identity
- ❖ Creates a sense of equity for the pupils
- ❖ Ensures that pupils observe health, safety and decency standards
- ❖ Eliminates competition for brand names and fad clothing and the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories
- ❖ Provides durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.

### **Background**

With the implementation of the New Primary School Curriculum and its focus on wellbeing and physical activity, children are expected to be more active in schools. To promote more movement, activity and engagement the Board of Management decided to review the School Uniform/Dress Code Policy in 2025. Having consulted with parents, staff and pupils the Board decided that the school tracksuit will be worn as the official school uniform in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class from September 2026 onwards. The tracksuit has been worn as our official school uniform by our Junior Infants and Senior Infants for over 8 years and they have found it to be very practical and beneficial. Based on this experience, the Board decided that it will extend the tracksuit as the official uniform up to and including Second Class starting in September 2026.

We are informing parents well in advance of this implementation of this change to school policy and we will also contact local suppliers. This gives parents and suppliers time to prepare for this change of practice.

### **Rationale**

A key part of enrolling a child in St Corban's NS is agreeing to observe and follow the school's codes, policies and procedures. Our School Uniform/ Dress Code Policy is one of those policies. Therefore, it is expected that all pupils will wear the correct school uniform. The School Uniform/Dress Code applies during school hours when pupils are in school, at school events and on school excursions. We expect all pupils to be neat and tidy in their personal appearance and to wear the correct school uniform in school each school day.

### **Implementation:**

From September 2026 all pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class will wear the navy school tracksuit with the crest on the jumper and a red polo-shirt as their official school uniform in St. Corban's.

Pupils in Third Class, Fourth Class, Fifth Class and Sixth Class will continue to wear the formal school uniform of Grey Slacks, Navy Blue Jumper, light Blue Shirt, School Tie (blue with silver stripes) Black shoes/ Runners, as their official school uniform. They will wear the school tracksuit on PE days, swimming days, sports days and when representing school sports teams at matches.

## **NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PROCEDURES**

### ***Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class & Second Class:***

The official school uniform for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class is the school tracksuit of navy blue with a red polo shirt and runners (preferably with velcro) for Infant classes. The tracksuit jumper should have the school crest on it. On Wednesdays the children may wear their own normal clothes instead of the school tracksuit.

Navy Blue Tracksuit with school crest

**Red** polo shirt.

Runners

Football boots for field

Parents may need to purchase two sets of the school tracksuit for children in these classes as it is worn everyday except Wednesday.

### ***Third Class, Fourth Class Fifth Class and Sixth Class***

The official school uniform for Third Class, Fourth Class, Fifth Class and Sixth Class is the formal school uniform of:

Grey Slacks,

Navy Blue Jumper,

Blue Shirt,

School Tie (blue with silver stripes).

Black shoes/ Runners.

Children in these classes wear their formal school uniform on most days and only wear their school tracksuit on days that they are doing PE, going swimming or representing the school in sports competitions. If the school tracksuit is not available, the school uniform must be worn. On Wednesdays the children may wear their own normal clothes instead of the formal school uniform.

On the day a pupil has P.E./Swimming, the school tracksuit should be worn.

Navy Blue Tracksuit

**Red** polo shirt.

Runners

Football boots for field, if required.

If the school tracksuit is not available, the school uniform must be worn.

### **Non-Uniform Wednesdays**

On Wednesdays, pupils in all classes may still wear their own ordinary clothes into school.

This was a practice which began during Covid that has been retained at the behest of the children who asked to retain it, when we returned.

### **Hot Weather Wear**

Pupils may wear shorts during periods of very warm weather. However, where in the past, pupils were allowed to wear any colour shorts, now pupils must wear plain navy shorts with their red polo-shirt during these periods of very warm weather. We will send a message on Aladdin to parents to announce the times that plain navy shorts and the red polo-shirt may be worn. Pupils may also wear a suitable sun hat outside during these periods.

### **Labelling**

Parents should label all items of clothing with the child's name on a tag and call to the school if an item of clothing is missing. Lost and found is in the main entrance hall on the bench.

### **Compliance Obligations**

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child wears the correct school uniform each day. Any pupil not wearing the correct school uniform will be in the first place reminded verbally to observe the code. A note may be sent home through Aladdin Connect to inform parents. If the problem persists direct contact will be made with the parents, by phone or a meeting, to address the issue. Pupils not in full PE kit/tracksuit on their PE day may not be allowed to partake on grounds of health and safety.

### **Hair**

Hair should be neat, tidy and presentable. For educational and hygiene reasons, hair has to be worn by all pupils in such a manner that it does not cover the face, is not a distraction to themselves or others and does not interfere with teaching and learning.

### **Swimming**

On swimming days pupils may wear the school tracksuit. Each pupil is responsible for his own swimming gear (shorts, swimming hat, goggles and towel)

### **Jewellery**

Pupils should not wear jewellery to school other than a watch or stud ear-rings. It can be very dangerous to wear jewellery in PE and in the yard at play-time.

### **Special Occasions**

On certain special occasions pupils may be exempted from wearing the school uniform. These include:

- Non-uniform Day each Wednesday when pupils may wear their own clothes to school.
- Non-uniform Days which may be held once a term to fundraise for recognised charities.
- Dress up Days – Halloween, Christmas Jumper Day, dress as a character for Book Week.
- Sports Days and Active School Week.
- Special Celebrations - special visitors
- Pupils with a medical condition

Parents will receive a text message prior to these days to inform them of the change in dress code rules.

### **Communication**

A copy of this policy is available to all teachers on the Teacher Portal on Aladdin and is available for parents to view on the school website. Parents also receive this information in the Parents Information Booklet and at the Induction Meeting at the start of the year.

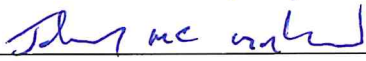
### **Review**


This policy will be reviewed over the coming years as the need arises, in light of our experiences with the current policy.

### **Ratification**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of St. Corban's N.S. at its

Board meeting on 25/11/2025.

Signed:  Date: 25/11/2025  
*Chairperson of the Board of Management*

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*Principal & Secretary of the Board of Management*

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