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Uniform and Presentation Policy

Introductory Statement

In Ireland, the Department of Education's policy on school uniforms is primarily governed by [Circular 0032/2017](#). This directive was issued to provide schools with specific measures to reduce the financial burden on parents. Key Requirements of Circular 0032/2017:

At Claremorris NS, our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an inclusive tone. We believe a uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride, identity, and belonging.
- Ensures children of all backgrounds feel equal.
- Is practical, comfortable, and smart for daily school activities.
- Prepares children for the expectations of later life.

Inclusivity & Diversity

Claremorris N.S. is a welcoming, inclusive community. We recognise that our student body represents diverse cultures, faiths, genders, and individual needs. This policy is designed to ensure that all students feel safe, valued, and respected.

Financial Support (BSCFA)

If you are struggling with the cost of uniforms, the Department of Social Protection provides the [Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance \(BSCFA\)](#).

Age Of Child	2026 Rate (Estimated)
4-11 Years	€160
12-22 Years	€285

How To Apply:

Many families receive this payment automatically in June. If you do not receive a notification by the end of June, you can apply online via MyWelfare.ie. The application window typically runs from June to September each year.

Our School Uniform

To ensure a smart, cohesive identity while prioritising comfort for active primary school learners, Claremorris N.S features a single, active-wear style uniform worn throughout the week.

Our uniform consists of the following specific items:

Item	Specification	Notes / Guidance
Top	Blue 1/4 (quarter) zip sweater	Can be purchased in Philips or Greens Department Store in town.
T-Shirt	Royal blue polo shirt	Can be purchased in Philips or Greens Department Store in town or online.
Bottoms	Plain navy tracksuit bottoms	Must be solid navy in colour. No stripes, brand logos, or slogans. <u>Leggings are not permitted.</u>
	Plain navy shorts	During warmer months, students may wear plain navy shorts. These should be no shorter than mid-thigh length.
Footwear	Trainers	Must be flat and securely fastened. High heels, open-toed sandals, and roller-shoes are strictly prohibited for safety reasons.

Jewellery: For safety reasons, jewellery must be kept to an absolute minimum:

- **Permitted:** One pair of small stud earrings and a standard wrist watch.
- **Not Permitted:** Other body piercings, hoops, drop earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets or smart watches and/or any recording devices.

Cosmetics & Nails

- Makeup is not permitted.
- Acrylic/gel nails, or nail extensions are not allowed due to safety risks on the playground and during sports.
- Prepares children for the expectations of later life.

Monitoring and Compliance

It is expected that all students will wear the correct uniform daily. A note should be written to the teacher should the child not be wearing the correct uniform. Class teachers and the Principal will monitor uniform compliance informally and discreetly. We are proud of our school and our school uniform. If a student is repeatedly out of uniform, parents/guardians will be contacted to ensure families are aware of the policy and to discuss how the school can collaboratively assist in resolving any issues.

THRIVE Mission

Uniform links heavily to our THRIVE mission statement in that it moves the conversation from "what we are wearing" to "what we represent." Our school participates and represents in many competitions and events throughout the academic year and our uniform is a visual representation of our values and inclusivity here in Claremorris NS.

Value	Connection To Uniform Policy
Teamwork	The uniform creates a “team” like identity. Just as sports teams wear the same kit to show unity, we wear our tracksuit to show we work together.
Happiness	Comfort is key to happiness. By choosing a tracksuit, we prioritise the physical well-being and ease of movement that allows students to enjoy their day.
Respect	We show respect for our school by wearing the uniform in its entirety and appropriately following guidelines on jewellery and personal care..
Inclusivity	The tracksuit is designed to be gender neutral and comfortable for all body types and sensory needs, ensuring everyone feels they belong.
Values	The uniform is a badge of our shared principles. Wearing it properly demonstrates that we uphold the school's high standards.
Effort	While the clothes have a casual base our mindset is not. We put effort into appearance and our work regardless of what we wear.

Uniform Circularity Programme

Additionally with regard to values and inclusivity, Claremorris NS has a Uniform Circularity Programme. Each year in June with the help from the school community, a high-quality "pre-loved" uniform shop will be facilitated. This promotes the value of effort (taking care of clothes) and inclusivity (ensuring everyone can afford the uniform).

Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Management and school staff to ensure that procedures remain practical and in line with best practice.

Ratification

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management of Claremorris National School on the 14th July 2026.

Signed: _____
**Peter Mc Callig, Chairperson,
Board Of Management.**

Date: 14-07-2026

Signed: _____
**Grace Burke, Secretary/Principal
Board Of Management.**

Date: 14-07-2026