St Joseph's National School Rehins, Ballina, Co. Mayo

School 'Uniform Policy

Description

- **Navy crested quarter zip top**
- **Navy Crested T-Shirt**
- **Navy Crested Shorts**
- **Plain Navy Bottoms**
  Available www.rehinsns.com

Context of this Policy

This policy is developed in the context of the school Code of Behaviour and school rules. It clarifies what uniform should be worn and when.

Policy Formulation

In formulating this policy, the Board of Management completed the following steps:

1. A draft policy was devised by School Management and sent to all staff for consultation.
2. All feedback was considered and the revised draft was sent to the Parents' Association for consideration at their next meeting.
3. All feedback was considered and the revised draft was sent to the Students' Council for consideration at a specially convened meeting.
4. All feedback was considered and the revised draft was sent to Board of Management members.
5. All feedback was considered and the final draft of the policy was ratified by the Board of Management.

General Description and Regulations in Relation to the School Uniform

- The highest standard of personal appearance will be expected at all times. Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification. If something prevents them from doing so, a note of explanation is expected.
- All students are expected to keep their hair in a neat and clean condition. Long hair should be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice within classrooms.
- All torn items should be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.
- The school hopes that all students representing Rehins NS at special events such as quizzes, curricular presentations, and awards ceremonies will wear the full school tracksuit, etc.

Jewellery

Students may wear, at most, one pair of stud earrings and a watch (basic functions only, without a camera or recording, as per our School Mobile Phone & Smart Devices Policy).

No other piercings permitted.

Dress and Appearance – Sanctions *(As per the Code of Behaviour Policy)*

- All staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine. If the dress code is not adhered to, an explanatory note will be required.
- In the absence of a satisfactory note of explanation, and depending on the age of the child and circumstances:
    - Parents may be asked to have items delivered to the school.
- If pupils do not comply with school uniform rules:
    - Parents may be asked to collect students from the school until the pupil is properly presented in accordance with the school uniform policy.
- Students will be asked to remove jewellery that is not allowed. Excess or inappropriate jewellery may be confiscated.

- No visible make up / eyelashes / tattoos permitted under any circumstances

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Footwear

- As a school committed to active learning, pupils are required to wear **runners** to school every day.
- There is no stipulation on colour, but they **must be supportive of your child's foot** and suitable for Physical Education (running, jumping, etc.).

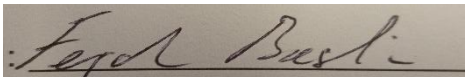
Procedures in Relation to the Uniform

- On acceptance of a place in Rehins NS, students and parents are accepting the conditions in relation to the uniform.

Review

This policy is due to be reviewed in **May 2027**.

This policy will be in operation in October of the school year 2026/2027, having been ratified by Staff (27th September 2025) and BOM (16th October 2025). All staff will be emailed a copy of this policy and it will be available on the school website, school shared drive and on request from the school office.

Signed:  Date: 16/10/2025

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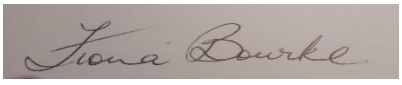
Signed:  Date: 16/10/2025

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