



Uniform Policy Review 2024/2025

The last school uniform review for BGNS was conducted in 2014. Our school tracksuit was updated and introduced in September 2020. School shorts were added in September 2022, and school leggings were introduced in September 2023. We are currently working on a second option for school shorts with Schoolwear House, which we have requested to be made available in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted. The feedback has been very positive in relation to these changes, and adherence to wearing the correct school tracksuit items is excellent overall.

Throughout this year, we conducted a policy review in relation to our school uniform. This involved regular monitoring what pupils are wearing to school, a staff survey, pupil and parent focus groups, and a number of discussions by the school Board of Management.

There have been many changes both in society and in schools since 2014. Physical activity/movement is a daily feature in teaching and learning. Information regarding neurodiversity continues to inform the process and practice of inclusion in our school. Pupil voice and having high expectations and standards for all is very important to us.

Following this review, please see updated policy below. Please note changes:

-School tracksuit must be worn on PE days. Pupils can choose to wear school tracksuit or school uniform on the other days.

-Only BGNS shorts can be worn. No other types of shorts (denim, GAA or any other sports-soccer, cycling, etc.) are permitted at any time. This will be strictly implemented.

-This policy comes into effect for the school year 2025/2026. The next review will be in 3 years.

School Uniform

Wearing the school uniform/tracksuit promotes a sense of identity and unity among the children. On days when pupils have PE, they are expected to wear the school tracksuit. On the other days, pupils have a choice to wear the school uniform or the school tracksuit.

Pupils are required to wear the correct clothing items at all times from the list below:

Uniform	Tracksuit
-Navy trousers -Plaid skirt/pinafore -Navy V-neck jumper with crest* or crested jumper -White shirt or polo t-shirt -School tie	-Navy and royal blue crested tracksuit top -Navy and royal blue crested tracksuit bottoms/leggings -Royal blue crested sports T-shirt or white polo shirt with crest* -Navy and royal blue shorts with school crest

***Crest can be purchased in the school. Please note that school shorts can be worn Sept/Oct and Term 3 only.**

Children who choose not to wear the correct items from school uniform /tracksuit as outlined above are expected to provide a written note of explanation from their parents. Should this not happen, the Code of Behaviour will be applied. The crested uniform items are available from: The Schoolwear House (https://schoolwearhouse.ie/search?type=article%2Cpage%2Cproduct&options%5Bprefix%5D=last&q=bishop+Galvin&sort_by=relevance).