

# St Martin's National School – Brittas



## Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction:**

At Brittas N.S. it is our school policy that all children wear the school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours. School Uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/carers are ready, respectful and safe in line with our school ethos.

At Brittas N.S., we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables each child to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

## **1. Aim and Rationale of School Uniform:**

The aims of this policy:

- To ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school.
- To ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school. A school uniform enables a child to identify with our school and gives them a sense of belonging to our school community.
- School uniform is about Equality. All pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally.
- A common uniform means less distraction from learning in the classroom and supports good positive behaviour while also reinforcing a positive work ethos.
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class.
- To ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind.
- To ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

## **2. Uniform:**

- The Brittas N.S. school uniform consists of:
  - Navy Jumper, A crested jumper is available from Kaideen Knitwear ([www.schooluniformsdirect.ie](http://www.schooluniformsdirect.ie)), but this is optional.
  - Pale Blue or White Shirt or Polo Shirt.
  - Grey Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore.
  - Sensible shoes (i.e. black or unbranded black runners) with plain grey, white, navy or black socks. No high heels/boots are permitted.
  - Your child should wear shoes that they can do up independently.

### **3. School Tracksuit:**

- On designated days, children wear their school tracksuit. This is available from Kaideen Knitwear ([www.schooluniformsdirect.ie](http://www.schooluniformsdirect.ie)), alternatively a plain navy tracksuit from high street shops may be worn.
- Shorts or Skorts may be worn on PE days. These should be of a plain navy design with no designs or logos.
- Runners may be worn with the tracksuit although they should be supportive of your child's foot. Canvas runners (e.g. converse) are not suitable.

### **4. Jewellery/Watches/Make-Up etc:**

- A simple stud earring is permitted. Dangled/long/looped earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings are not permitted.
- Watches are permitted but should be removed for physical Education or other activities.
- The wearing of make-up, false nails and nail varnish is not permitted.

### **5. Seasonal Variations:**

- Pupils may wear shorts or skorts in warmer weather.
- Shorts or Skorts should be of a plain navy design. They should not have designs, logos, combat pockets or any other decoration.
- In colder weather, children are encouraged to layer up by wearing vests or leggings underneath their uniform.

### **6. Labelling:**

- Parents should ensure that all items are labelled with their children's names.

### **7. Hair**

- All students are expected to keep their hair in neat and clean condition.
- For Health and Safety Reasons: Long hair must be tied back and clipped appropriately. No large ribbons or bows should be attached. Any clips/bands should be plain in nature.

## **8. Dress Up/Colour Days**

- On occasion, in Brittas N.S., we have costume/dress up/colour days when the uniform is not compulsory.
- In these instances, children should ensure that what they wear is not too cumbersome.
- Props, headgear and other accessories should be, where possible, left to a minimum.
- Any costumes should always be respectful towards others, and suitable for wearing in school.

## **9. Other**

- On acceptance of a place in the school, students and parents are accepting the conditions in relation to the uniform.
- If for any reason, a child may deviate from the school uniform, an explanatory note (either by hand or via Aladdin) should be sent in on the day in question,
- In the absence of a satisfactory note of explanation, and depending on the circumstances, students may be giving an item of uniform to wear for the day.
- Students will be asked to remove make-up, nail varnish or inappropriate jewellery.
- Any discussions with children regarding uniform deviation will be dealt with in a respectful manner toward the child by all staff.
- Any families experiencing difficulties may talk to the School Principal for assistance regarding uniform related purchases. All such discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.
- If for any medical reason, a child cannot wear the full uniform, the parent should approach the school where discretion will be used to support the child wherever possible.

*This policy was discussed, amended and ratified by the Board of Management at the meeting of November 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.*