

Brannoxtown CNS Uniform Policy

Brannoxtown Community National School (CNS) is a primary school under Patronage of the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB). Brannoxtown CNS opened in September 2018 with a new Principal, Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick. Brannoxtown CNS operates within the regulations laid down by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) and follows the Primary School Curriculum (DES, 1999) which may be amended from time to time, in accordance with Sections 9 and 30 of the Education Act (1998). The Principal and the Board of Management fully subscribe to the principles of partnership, accountability, inclusion, respect for diversity, parental choice and equality in developing and implementing all school policies.

1. Introduction

This document outlines the Uniform Policy for Brannoxtown CNS. This policy supports children to be well-presented at all times while also ensuring uniform costs are kept to a minimum for parents. Our school uniform policy reflects recent initiatives by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to promote cost-cutting for parents regarding school uniforms. In line with DES guidelines, our school uniform includes: generic rather than branded clothing, availability of sew-on school crests and colours (navy and blue) which are available from a range of suppliers and stores.

2. School Crest

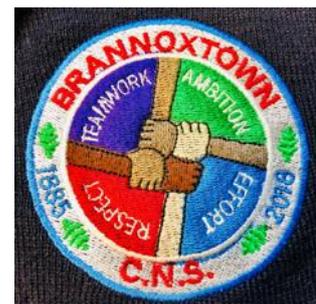
During the first year of our school, from September 2018, children led the design and development of our new school crest, ensuring it represents our school values and our sense of belonging to our community and locality.



- The **four hands** reflect our four school values: Ambition, Effort, Respect and Teamwork.
- The **linked hands** also resemble the cross of Brigid of Kildare and its pre-Christian origins in the sun cross, the source of life.
- The **oak leaves** represent Kildare (Cill Dara) which means the 'Church of the oak tree'.
- **1885** is the date our school was established (as a Baptist School); it reminds us of all the teachers and children who came before us.
- **2018** is the date our school began a new life as a Community National School, under patronage of the KWETB.

Parents have two options to purchase the school crest:

1. The **stand-alone school crest** can be purchased from the school at any time for €5. The crest can be sewn-on to the child's navy tracksuit top, jumper or cardigan.
2. The crest can be **stitched-in** to the child's navy tracksuit top, jumper or cardigan for €4. In June, parents can leave their child's clearly labelled school top(s) and payment with the school secretary. Crested uniforms can be collected from the school on Tuesday and Thursday during the last week of holidays (August) or when school opens



3. School Uniform

Navy and blue are our uniform colours. The school uniform includes a School Tracksuit for all children and for children from first class upwards, a Formal School Uniform. To help children to take responsibility for their belongings, we ask parents to label your child's uniform items with his/her first and last name.

School Tracksuit

- Navy tracksuit legs
- Navy sweatshirt
- Blue polo-shirt.



Formal School Uniform

- Navy trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Navy cardigan or jumper
- Blue shirt
- Navy tie with narrow diagonal, blue stripes.



School Tie

The **school tie** is available from online outlets and can also be purchased (tie on loose elastic) from the school at any time, for €8.



4. Days for School Tracksuit and Formal School Uniform

Children wear their school tracksuit three days each week; the formal school uniform is worn on the other two days. Tracksuit days follow children's schedule for Physical Education (PE), Visual Arts (Art) and Drama. For the current school year:

- School Tracksuit Days: Monday, Tuesday and Friday
- School Uniform Days: Wednesday and Thursday.

5. BCNS Uniform Policy: Monitoring and Reviewing

This Uniform Policy was most recently updated in February 2020. The key change from earlier versions, following consultation with parents, was the decision that the uniform for children in the Junior Room (Junior and Senior Infants) would include only the school tracksuit and not the formal uniform.

a. Success Criteria

Practical indicators of the success of this policy will be evident in:

- parents' and children's knowledge of the individual items of our school uniform
- parents' satisfaction with uniform availability
- widespread labelling of children's belongings across the school
- consistency wearing the school uniform (tracksuit and formal uniform)
- children's comfort in the uniform and observations by staff, parents and children that the uniform supports (and does not impede) children's learning at Brannoxtown CNS and off-site when engaging in activities and/or representing our school.

b. Implementation and Timetable for Review

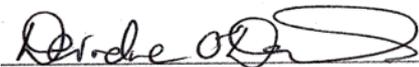
This policy is currently in place at Brannoxtown CNS. The policy will be reviewed annually (or in line with a change in DES legislation) and amended if/as necessary.

c. Ratification and Communication

Following discussion and engagement with Brannoxtown CNS staff, with parents of children enrolled at Brannoxtown CNS and with members of the Brannoxtown CNS

Board of Management, this Uniform Policy was finalised and published on the school's website. Hardcopies of the policy are available to parents on request.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management of Brannoxtown CNS on 11th February, 2020.

Signed: 
Ms. Deirdre O'Donovan
Chairperson

Date: 11/02/2020

Signed: 
Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick
Principal

Date: 11.02.2020