

## **Do you have any suggestions to improve our uniform?**

If a uniform is maintained, it should be in one format only i.e. tracksuit OR jumper + skirt/trousers
Please do not compromise on the quality of our current uniform in favour of a cheaper / generic alternative.
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I am very happy with how smart the children look and love the uniform. I really appreciate the uniform sale you organise each year also.
The shape of the tracksuit could be improved, the older version seemed better, current one is very wide and short
The uniform itself (colour, style, kilt etc.) should be maintained but there is no need for a crest especially if this is something that increases the price for parents. If having a crest doesn't really increase the price then by all means let's keep it.
Also, for the tiny junior and senior infants the skirt can be difficult - in that without straps they are too big on the waist and with straps they are too short. Maybe a pinafore style would work better. But maybe that's an expense which isn't necessary.
Maybe a work around this is that the junior and senior kids only wear the tracksuit. I know they have the option of wearing it always if they like but most parents buy both and end up not really using the uniform as much as the tracksuit. They would be better off buying two tracksuits at the beginning of the year instead of one of each and then finding that the child grows out of the uniform when it is hardly worn. I know in the Gaelscoil that is what they do. It seems to make perfect sense to me. Then it's more exciting for the child when he or she reaches first class and can graduate to wearing the uniform.
It would help if it would be possible to be able to buy uniform from department stores with additional patch with school logo reasonably priced instead of an expensive ready made uniform.
I think that it should be at least half the current price - then it could stay unique as it is now.
It is a good thing that the kids are wearing the same clothes so no one is better/worse.
Yes make it more affordable by letting people just get skirts etc in tesco etc
As mentioned above
Pinafore kilt looks lovely but is hard for girls to wear (straps fall down), put on by self and hard to wash & keep in pleats - would prefer it was replaced with something more practical.

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I feel that the uniform is a bit expensive in this day and age. if it could be picked up in a department store i feel it would be a lot easier on parents. I am lucky enough to only have to pay for one child but I feel for the bigger families.

A generic uniform with a crest that could be sewn on would make it identifiable & more affordable

If you could buy the crest and sew it on to the jumpers would make it unique to other schools. I just think in this day and age where everyone is struggling buying uniforms is very hard.

Please see suggestion above re separate crest/badge.

As mentioned above, I think it would be an idea to have crested tops and generic bottoms for boys and girls. Also, this is a quality issue rather than an aesthetic one but the green tracksuits fade so badly and each "batch" seem to be a slightly different colour. Also the design of the girls kilts is poor. They don't have adjustable waists and my skinny 8 year old daughter still finds the fit of her 5-6 year old kilt too big. Finally, the straps on the smallest size of kilt are pointless and annoying for the children and were the cause of many tears in Junior Infants for my daughters..

I know it's not the same for all families but my kids only ever wear the track suit. I have given up asking them to wear the uniform. So it is a needless expense for us. Is there a need to have a seperate uniform? And if there is, can the girls have a choice to wear trousers too?

Tracksuit is enough, uniform never used and a waste of money (boys and girls).nice to have a crest.

If the crested uniform stays, the tracksuit needs to be of a better quality considering the cost. it is not currently value for money. The tops stain very easily and look 'greasy' from a young age! If the uniforms were generic, families could replace them more often and therefore they would look better.

Is it necessary to have elasticated legs, I know they are probably safer but don't look very good. There must be an alternative?

Quality of jumper maybe. Higher grade needed. School coat with crest too and shoes not boots with uniform. And tract suit only on PE days.

I really think it would be a good idea for the girls to have a summer dress (as many schools do in the UK), something cotton (a thinner material) would be suitable. When my daughter joined the school at the beginning of the the school year (end of Aug 2013), I put her in the tracksuit shorts and polo shirt, she was so hot and looked very uncomfortable, although they are shorts, the material is so thick. Therefore I really think a summer dress or even a summer skirt that could be worn with a short sleeve blouse would be a great idea, and for the boys, maybe trouser shorts.

Maybe have the boys trousers, shirts & PE shirts etc generic, available in tesco or m&s.... Also make sure the prices of the crested items are the same as other schools pay, feel our specialised items are expensive

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The quality of the uniform fabrics has disapproved greatly over the years . jumpers and quilts will appear grumpy and bally after just a few washes.

Whilst I am in principle in favour of retaining the existing uniform, I do have a problem with only being able to get them from one supplier therefore you have no choice on the quality or price.

If there was more competition then the price will improve and you can shop where the quality is better.

When my older daughter was in the school her uniforms lasted very well and I was to pass them onto her younger sister , whereas with my younger girl I have had to replace quilts and jumpers already as they looked so bad.

Perhaps include a jacket/anorak

Better quality pullovers. Maybe a blazer for senior classes 5/6

Tracksuit knees and elbows strengthened

School wellies for going outside and track suits all the time for all ages

The uniform material should be suitable for a tumble drier.

The quality of the jumper is terrible, I know they use materials to keep the price down but you end up replacing it much sooner than if it was made with a higher quality materials.

Generic raincoats/jackets.

Track suit bottoms: thid is the only part of the uniform that I would like to see generic as we go through at least 2 pairs if not 3 per year due to the knees ending up with holes. I love the uniform, I really live the colour and the girls kilt and Peter Pan collar and if we are anywhere at appointments when the kids happen to be in uniform it is always complimented highly so I would hate to see it change to something generic.

Uniform is very important and is a representation of the school. Pupils should present themselves appropriately dressed.

I would suggest for uniforms that there is one daily uniform i.e. trousers/skirt/ shirt etc. rather than having the pupils wearing a track suit. Pupils look very smart in proper uniforms versus track suits.

For PE days allowed to wear sports gear.

It is unrealistic to think that removing a school uniform will reduce school costs. That is not the case.

Having a school uniform is a good idea. Saves money on clothes costs in the long run. Removes peer pressure from kids wearing brand names. Kids are on a level playing ground.

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Only to keep a good standard for the jumper and tracksuit, they seem to fade/wear very quickly and jumpers shrink. Not 100% liking the color/style of tracksuit, but that is just a personal opinion!
The quality of the tracksuit is poor. Fades after a couple of washes. One tracksuit per year per child is not sufficient and therefore makes it expensive. The school uniform is fine.
I think the kilt should be changed for a generic grey skirt to match the grey trousers. That way the crested jumper and tracksuit are unique, and the grey trousers/skirt and white shirt/polo are generic.
I would like the children to wear their full uniform 2 days a week and their tracksuit 3 days a week. It is a waste to have the uniform sitting in the wardrobe, and it is impossible to insist the children wear them when nobody else does, a waste of money, not to mention the black shoes.
As above (and with a view to financial consideration)
I like the jumper been crested and the St Laurences Jumpers are always good wearing. As are the kilts. The uniform is better wearing than the tracksuits.
Suggestion for a tracksuit crested jumper only. that works with generic tracksuit bottoms that you can purchase in a department store. In a darker colour, Black would work with the Green Jumper. The existing style of the jumper would need to be changed. Suggestion for a huddy for the senior classes (5th &6th). With normal round neck for younger classes.
Loud coloured footwear cheapens the look of uniform and hence think that footwear should be a defined range of colours.
Better materials for tracksuit uniform. Actual one fades in colour very easily also stains
Cardigan's wool too stiff
Having a daughter in Senior Infants and seeing the struggle my daughter has taking off her P.E jumper. I would like to see a zipper incorporated into the school jumper to make it easier for the children to take off their jumpers, especially during the hot weather.
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I think smocks for Junior & Senior infants would be appropriate rather than the full uniform or just the tracksuit.
Moving the girls kilt to a standardised grey pinafore or skirt and losing the Peter pan collar on the blouse.

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Also, not a fan of a tie for girls.
See three above.
Easily washable and more importantly easily dry-able. The current tracksuit shrinks badly if put in the tumble dryer. The advancement and availability of fabrics should allow a move away from the traditional heavy cotton based tracksuits and maybe towards a more modern fabric such as is used in many sports clothing now.
It would be super to be able to buy tracksuits, trousers etc but I have to admit that the girls uniform particularly the junior inf. is gorgeous! I would be sad to see it go. Maybe a mix of the 2?
I like the uniform but would prefer polo shirts which are not white, e.g. grey, as the white is impossible to clean.
I also think that tracksuits would be appropriate for all years in a primary school rather than having a uniform from 1st class onwards. In any case alot of children never wear their uniforms (only wear tracksuits) so hardly any point in having one and may incur unnecessary expense for parents....
I would prefer for the uniform jumper and tracksuit to be a better fabric that is easier to wash and tumble dry. The current material does not wash well and does not go in the tumble drier.
Changing colour of tracksuit to generic colours available but with crested sweatshirt. The current tracksuit bottoms don't wear very well especially for younger children (knees out in no time) and at €14 are expensive especially if you have 2/3 pairs. Also girls skirts are expensive and although look lovely perhaps a navy generic skirt could be a compromise
It would be useful maybe to have some unique feature e.g. school kilt with the option to buy a generic jumper that crest could be stitched onto. It would also be more practical to be able to buy the style of girls blouse in any shop - I couldn't find a long sleeved peter pan type collar shirt in m&s or dunnes etc. The quality of the kilt could be improved - its only worn 3 days a week during school hours and already I have had to return one that had faulty waistband but new one is not great either. The quality of the track suit could also be improved on - very washed out and material is gone sort of hard already after one term - again only worn two days per week.
I really like the uniform, but it can be expensive having to purchase all the individual parts. If you could get the crest from the school & sew onto a regular jumper or the tracksuit was a color that you could purchase spare bottoms in other stores it could be more cost effective. It is nice to have individuality in the uniform so I would not like to see it completely changed to a generic uniform.
Better fabric
I would really appreciate it if the school jumper had less Nylon in it. I've spoken to the local school uniform shop in Bray and they have suggested that the jumper could contain 70/80% wool not the current 50% for sale in the uniform shop in Greystones. I have spoken to other parents many have mentioned the same.

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If it is decided to stick with the same uniform, is it possible to consider changing suppliers or enquiring as to whether present supplier could improve the quality of the uniforms? The jumpers have a tendency to shrink and go "bally" and the tracksuits lose their colour and fade.

as above Q3

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Kids should be allowed wear track suits up to 6th class as I think for long periods at desks, the track suits are more comfortable, especially for younger classes. I think they should be compulsory up to 1st with no uniform option. I understand the benefits of uniforms but I think comfort is really important if we want our kids to be concentrating on their work. The uniforms look great but I am more concerned with the level of comfort (they really don't seem comfy in my opinion).

Introduce generic items, possibly with crest that can be sewn on.

If current uniform remains girls should have plain grey skirt, which can be purchased in chain stores, similar to boys trousers current kilt is very expensive. Girls should also have the option to wear trousers - far more practical than a skirt.

Tracksuits for all students junior infants to 6th class would be most comfortable. I like the current crested tracksuit. I would suggest a crest that could be sewn on for those who find the current crested tracksuit expensive.

It is often quite expensive to get jumpers with the crest on it already. I understand that crests can be made separately and then sewn on to a generic jumper / tracksuit and this dramatically lowers the cost. If this is possible it would be very helpful for those who are having cost issues.

I think the existing uniform is really lovely - however expensive when you put 3 kids in the mix. A generic jumper that could be crested by parents would help keep costs down. Would like to keep the kilt. Not sure if there is a generic tracksuit option out there - but it would need to be hard-wearing!