



Presentation Senior School

"A community of learners inspired by the vision and values of Nano Nagle"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Boards of Management and staff of the Presentation Junior and Senior schools are working collaboratively to provide a cohesive and seamless experience for boys and girls from junior infants to sixth class. As part of this collaborative process, we are proposing to introduce a common uniform for all children attending the Junior and Senior schools.

In Presentation Senior School, we have decided to introduce the new uniform from September 2013. Parents are advised, however, that both the current and new school uniforms will be acceptable in the 2013/2014 school year. From September 2014, the new uniform will become compulsory.

Ms. O'Neill, the teacher responsible for promoting and monitoring the school uniform in the Senior School, has engaged in an extensive consultation process with children and staff.

Feedback received from the children included:

- A request to wear polo shirts instead of shirts or blouses.
- A request to maintain the O'Neill's tracksuit bottom.
- Red would be a suitable choice of colour for the O'Neill's tracksuit top for both boys and girls.
- A white polo shirt would look very well under the red tracksuit top.

Feedback received from the staff included:

- A request for a modern logo/crest with the school name on the uniform jumper
- A request that the tracksuit top would be a different colour to the uniform jumper
- A request that the school would have a set of shirts/blouses and ties for children to borrow and wear for special school occasions e.g. school choir

Ms. O'Neill has taken all of this feedback into account and worked with a local artist, Liz Johnson, to explore new designs and logos for the uniform. The proposed changes, for which the feedback from children and staff is overwhelmingly positive, are listed in bold print in the table below.



Proposed changes to school uniform

Girl	Boy
Navy V-neck jumper with school crest/logo <i>(available from Tots Paradise/The Uniform Shop, Enterprise Centre)</i>	Navy V-neck jumper with school crest/logo <i>(available from Tots Paradise/The Uniform Shop, Enterprise Centre)</i>
Light Blue Polo Shirt or Blouse	Light Blue Shirt or Polo Shirt
Navy Skirt/Pinafore/Bootleg Trousers	Navy Trousers
Navy/Black Socks or Tights	Navy/Black Socks
Black FLAT Shoes – no high heeled platforms shoes or boots	Black Shoes
Red Tracksuit Top with school name <i>(to be ordered through the school in June)</i>	Red Tracksuit Top with school name <i>(to be ordered through the school in June)</i>
White Polo t-shirt	White Polo t-shirt
Navy O’Neills Tracksuit bottoms <i>(can be ordered through the school in June)</i>	Navy O’Neills Tracksuit bottoms <i>(can be ordered through the school in June)</i>

We would like very much to offer parents/guardians an opportunity to give us their feedback in relation to the proposed changes. We are, therefore, inviting all parents/guardians to complete the feedback form published on the school website (www.presentationmullingar.ie) before Tuesday 18th June. The password required to access the survey is **uniform2013**. Parents/guardians who experience any difficulty accessing the online feedback form are advised to contact the school secretary.

Every effort will be made to finalise the uniform as soon as possible. We will be sincerely grateful to all parents who take the time to complete the online feedback form.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Tunney
Principal

