



## SCHOOL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

### **Aims:**

- **To enhance a sense of identity and belonging towards the Gozo College and towards the school.**
- **To enhance a sense of discipline and obedience towards rules.**

### **A. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S UNIFORM**

#### A1. The winter uniform consists of the following items:

- Beige shirt
- Striped blue and light blue tie
- Blue pants (girls may also wear a blue uniform skirt, if they like)
- Light blue jersey
- Hair band for girls
- Light blue scarf, which may be worn in cold weather
- Blue jacket, including the Gozo College badge
- White socks (girls may wear white tights, if they like)
- Black shoes or black boots

#### A2. The summer uniform consists of the following items:

- Light blue polo-shirt
- Blue bermuda (girls may wear a blue uniform skirt if they like)
- Light blue hair band for girls
- White socks
- Black shoes

#### A3. The winter PE kit consists of the following items:

- Blue tracksuit
- Light blue hair band for girls
- White socks
- White shoes (shoes may have other colours as long as main colour is white)

#### A4. The summer PE kit consists fo the following items:

- Light blue T-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Light blue hair band for girls
- White socks
- White shoes (shoes may have other colours as long as main colour is white)

#### A5. The School uniform cap

- The school uniform cap must be worn during breaks and during outings on hot and sunny days.

#### A6. The winter jacket and scarf

- Children may wear the school uniform winter jacket on cold and rainy days. Other jackets are not allowed.
- Children may also wear the school uniform scarf on cold and rainy days. Other scarfs are not allowed.

#### A7. Children attending the Kindergarten classes

- Children attending the Kindergarten classes wear a uniform tracksuit in the colder months and a uniform shorts and poloshirt in the warmer months. On very cold days children may also wear the school uniform jacket – which they would eventually continue to wear in Year 1. In case this jacket is too big for them, they may wear any other blue jacket.
- Kindergarten children are encouraged to wear white socks and white shoes (shoes may have other colours on them as long as the main colour is white).

## **B. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### B1. Buying the school uniform

- The school uniform may be bought from ‘Yorkie Clothing Industry Limited’, which is the the only company officially authorised to sell state school uniforms. In Gozo, the shop which is authorised to sell uniforms on behalf of ‘Yorkie Clothing’ is ‘Trovarsi’, at Market Street, Victoria (Tel. 21555834).

#### B2. School uniform items may continue to be used

- Kindergarten children may continue to wear the school uniform tracksuit in year 1 or until it still fits them.
- Year 6 children may still wear their Primary School uniform at Middle School, Victoria, since the uniform remains the same throughout school years. They would only be required to buy a blazer for Middle School (since this is not worn at Primary School).

#### B3. Summer, winter and PE schedules and the mixing of uniform items

- Unless instructed otherwise by the school administration (by means of a circular, note or letter), children shall attend school wearing their summer uniform from the first day of school in September till the last school day of October, and from the first school day of May till the last day of the scholastic year.
- Unless instructed otherwise by the school administration (by means of a circular, note or letter), children shall attend school wearing their winter uniform from the first day of school after the Mid-term Holidays in November till the last school day of April.
- Parents are encouraged not to mix summer with winter uniform items or formal uniform items with PE items. For example, it is not acceptable to wear a jersey over a shorts or over a poloshirt instead of shirt and tie.
- It is important never to wear a dark poloneck underneath the uniform shirt, as this would be visible and would not be neat.
- At the start of the scholastic year, children are given their physical education lessons schedule when they will be expected to wear their PE kit Instead of their formal uniform.

#### B4. Skirts, hair, precious objects, earrings and make-up

- It is important that skirts are never too short and arrive to the knee.
- Children's hair must always be kept clean and neat. No colouring of the hair is allowed. It is recommended that girls keep their hair tied neatly while boys keep their hair short.
- Children are not allowed to bring precious objects and jewellery to school.
- Girls only are allowed to wear one pair of earrings and these must be small and must never be ring-shaped.
- Make-up is not permitted at school.

#### B5. Precautions to avoid losing uniform items

- It is important that all the children's clothes have their name and surname (or at least their initials) written on the labels.

### C. EXEMPTIONS

- In case that children have a particular condition and on other particular exceptional situations which may arise during the scholastic year, children may be given permission to wear clothes which are not part of the school uniform. For this to take place, a signed note/letter must be presented by parents to the school administration. Parents may be asked to present proof to back their requests (such as medical certificates, etc).
- In case of exceptional, one-off, unforeseen circumstances, parents' verbal request for their children to be exempted from wearing the school uniform, or part of it, may also be accepted by the school administration.

### D. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Teachers and the school administration will always encourage children to wear the proper school uniform. When children fail to wear their uniform, the following actions may be taken by the school:

1. Children are verbally warned by the teacher/school administration not to wear again clothes which are not part of the official uniform.
2. If children persevere in wearing non-uniform clothing, a note is sent to parents by post and/or the school administration contacts the parents concerned personally.
3. If the above actions do not lead to the expected results, the children who still break the rules are sent to the office and stay there until their parents bring the required uniform item. Children could only rejoin their peers in the classroom wearing the proper school uniform.

In particular circumstances, a record of the verbal and written warnings given to children and when/why these were issued is kept by class teachers.