

Coláiste Cholmcille Uniform Policy

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Our uniform mission statement:

The purpose of our school uniform is to ensure that all students feel part of the collective community of Coláiste Cholmcille. We feel that our uniform promotes unity and fairness and ensures that each student is valued by their actions and words.

1.1 Rationale:

- A school uniform helps to create a better learning environment by promoting self – discipline and minimising distraction.
- It makes all students equal and eliminates unhealthy competition and peer pressure to dress a certain way.
- A uniform gives students a sense of identity and belonging to the school community and encourages pride in the school.
- It prepares young people for the world of work.
- Our school uniform is cost effective, practical, comfortable, and safe to wear in a school environment.
- Wearing a school uniform represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of Coláiste Cholmcille.

2.1 Expectations:

Traditional School Uniform:	PE Uniform:	Jewellery:	Non-uniform days:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Blue school jumper with crest→ White, collared shirt→ Black trousers or official school skirt (knee length) with opaque black tights or black/navy/white socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Choice of CCBS jumper from O'Reilly's.→ CCBS crested Tracksuit bottoms from O'Reilly's (boys)→ CCBS crested Leggings from O'Reilly's or plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Stud earrings only in ear.→ Students are permitted to wear one small nose stud only. Nothing else is permitted.→ For Health and Safety reasons, no jewellery is	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Students must be dressed appropriately for classes that day.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Black or brown, sensible, ankle footwear with no markings (no Uggs allowed) → Optional; Black school crested jacket → Optional: School fleece (may be worn in class on colder days as an additional layer to the school jumper only) → Optional: School tie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> black leggings (no markings on them at all; girls) → Waist length t-shirt → If you are not attending or participating in PE, you must wear Traditional School Uniform. → Suitable runners for PE (no converse, Vans or fashion shoes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> permitted in P.E class or when participating in any sports. → Students are advised not to wear jewellery in Practical classes or in the school environment as a whole. → Students must remove all other prohibited piercings when instructed to do so. → Risk of injury while wearing jewellery is at wearers own risk 	
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The following are not acceptable as part of the Traditional School Uniform:

- Yoga pants
- Leggings
- Black skinny jeans
- Jeggings
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Joggers
- Shorts
- Hoodies
- Crew neck sweaters
- PE Uniform of any kind (other than the official school PE uniform)

* Non-uniform items will be confiscated.

*Make-up and hairstyles should be subtle and appropriate to a school setting

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3.1 School approach to the monitoring and enforcement of uniform expectations in the school:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Uniform Committee established in November 2020.2. The committee is made up of a number of members of staff, including all year heads.3. Tutors will regularly remind their students of the expectations regarding uniform and check them each morning.4. Uniform will be monitored through a combination of random classroom visit spot checks and use of VsWare to view breaches.5. If a student has breached the school uniform policy, their name will be logged on VsWare in the behaviour section. If a student breaches the uniform policy three times, a lunch time detention is issued by their year head. If they reach five breaches, an afterschool detention is issued from their year head followed by a phone call home. Further breaches will result in parents/guardians being asked to meet with school senior management to alleviate the issue of school uniform with their child. |
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Section 4 – Stakeholder Responsibility

4.1 Role of Parents/Guardians

- Ensure your child comes to school in correct uniform and support the school in implementing our Uniform Policy.
- To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is dependent on the support of the parents and guardians. Should an issue arise in relation to uniform, communication with the school is essential.
- If your son/daughter is doing Leaving Cert PE, they must have 2 sets of PE kit as they will use this uniform most days.

4.4 Role of Students

- Wear full uniform at all times in school and during selected school outings.
- Follow all instructions from school staff and prefects in regard to school uniform.
- Adhere to the schools uniform policy.

4.3 Role of Class/Subject Teacher

- Ensure students are in full uniform in each class.
- Any uniform discrepancies to be reported to the Uniform Committee.

4.4 Role of Deputy Principal/Principal

- Implement policy on breach of uniform rules. In the event that a student comes to school without full uniform, the following procedures will apply:
 - The school will send a notification home to inform parents;
 - The student in question will be checked again by a member of the Uniform Committee the following day;
 - Consistent breach of the uniform policy will be dealt with through the ladder of referral.