Student Uniform Policy

Coláiste Iósaef

Introductory Statement

This policy is to outline the correct school uniform and rules and regulations governing student appearance in Coláiste Iósaef.

Rationale

As a school, we set high standards for all students; this also applies to the general appearance of students and the wearing of the school uniform. The school uniform should be worn appropriately and with pride by all students.

The school should be regarded as a place of work and learning and the regard a student places on themselves should be modelled in how the uniform is worn and how they present themselves throughout the school day and on the way to and from school.

This policy sets out to address the following:

- To ensure parents, students and staff are aware of the correct school uniform.
- To ensure a collaborative process involving the Parents Association, School Staff, Student Council and Board of Management was used to recognise the voice of all our school community.
- To ensure that all students present highest standard of personal appearance at all times.
- To ensure that the entire school community endeavour to maintain the highest standards in matters of dress code and personal appearance for all students in the school.
- To enable parents to help with these standards in matters of general appearance, dress, hairstyles and jewellery at all times during the school year.

Uniform Requirements

- **All students are obliged to wear the full school uniform during school hours, on the way to and from school, on school excursions, when representing the school and during state examinations unless otherwise stated.**

- It is understandable that from time to time a student may come to school without the correct uniform due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case the student should bring a written note to school explaining the reason for not having the correct uniform.
- A note is valid for only a short period of time (one school day) to allow the student to rectify any uniform issues.
- The school may provide students with a temporary loan of a school jumper, skirt or pants if available. These items should be washed and dried in advance of returning them to the school.
- In some circumstances, the school may deem it necessary that the student is collected from school to rectify any issue that is in flagrant disregard of the school uniform policy of the school.

The following items constitute the **official school uniform**:

Official Crested School Jumper

- The school crested jumper must be worn at all times by all students.
- The jumper should be maintained in good condition and free from rips and tears.

White School Shirt

- A white shirt must be worn tucked inside skirt or pants.

Black School Pants

- School pants should be well maintained and free from rips and tears.
- Flares, tracksuit bottoms or denim jeans are not acceptable as alternatives to the school pants.

Blue Tartan School Skirt

- The skirt must not be torn/ripped or cut at the seams.
- Pyjamas, track suit pants, leggings, etc. may not be worn under the school skirt.
- Black knee socks/or black tights ONLY to be worn with school skirt.

School Jacket

- Students are permitted to wear uniform approved jackets ONLY.
- Jackets should be stored in the locker or in designated student areas. **Non uniform jackets will be confiscated if worn in the school building during the school day**.
- Hooded sweatshirts, bright coloured jackets, etc. are not an acceptable alternative to the recognised jackets outlined above.

Shoes

- Runners/Trainers are not permitted as school shoes.
- Flat black shoes or navy/brown deck shoes are recognised as appropriate school shoes.

Please note:

- School crested Hoodies are not permitted as an alternative to the official school uniform and/or school jacket and should not be worn to school unless they are worn as part of the PE uniform.
- Students are not permitted to mix and match items of the formal school uniform and the school PE uniform.
- TY tops may only be worn by the TY students. Once students have progressed past TY, they may no longer wear their TY top in school as part of the uniform.

Student Jewellery

- Discreet jewellery can be worn. Students are allowed to wear earrings in the lobe of the ear only; these should be discrete stud earrings, a maximum of one in each ear lobe.
- Hooped or large earrings are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons.
- Students with nasal piercings may only wear one small nose stud.
- Hoops, drops or bars etc. are not permitted on piercings and must be removed before coming to school.

General Appearance

- Students are asked to present to school in a neat and tidy manner at all times and when representing the school outside of scheduled classes.
- Hair should be kept neat and tidy at all times and be tied back for practical classes – Art, Engineering, Construction, Home Economics, P.E. and Science for H&S reasons.
- Extreme (unnatural) hair colour is not permitted. Students presenting with inappropriate designs or colour will receive a sanction and are expected to return to school having addressed the issue. In extreme cases, a student may be sent home.

- Tattoos should be covered during the school day.
- Students will be asked to remove excessive make-up.
- Chewing gum is prohibited.
- Students should be encouraged to keep uniform clean and tidy.
- For educational and health & safety reasons, nail extensions, painted, gel and acrylic nails are not permitted in school.

Physical Education Uniform

If a student has a scheduled PE class or has been given permission not to wear their uniform to school, the following applies to the respective year groups:

- 1st Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- 2nd Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- 3rd Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- Transition Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- 5th Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- 6th Year: Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie
- LCA 1/LCA 2 - Full PE uniform – crested tracksuit pants, t-shirt, half zip top/or academy hoodie

Please note:

- Leggings are not permitted as part of the school PE uniform for students.
- Students not partaking in PE should wear their school uniform to school
- Other school tops (crested) are not part of the PE uniform and are not permitted to be worn.

If a student does not have the PE uniform, they wear their official school uniform to school, change for PE (suitable PE clothes) and at the end of the PE class, they change back in to their official school uniform.

Uniform Inspections and failure to comply with this policy

- Class teachers and school management will carry out uniform inspections regularly.
- Failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in a sanction being issued and the students may be sent home to change.

If a student or parent/guardian has a concern or query regarding the uniform, a piercing or hair change that may put a student in conflict with the school rules. They should seek advice from the school before considering any further action.

The uniform is available from the following:

- Murray's, Charleville, Co. Cork
- SoSchools, Raheen, Co.Limerick

The school PE uniform is available online (O'Neills) or from Murray's in Charleville.

Review Process

The policy will be reviewed in line with Coláiste Iósaef procedures regarding policy reviews and updates.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

(Chairperson of Board of Management) (Principal)

Date: _____ Date: _____

Date of Policy Review: _____