



Monaghan Collegiate School School Uniform Policy

Rationale

The vast majority of schools in Ireland have a school uniform. The wearing of a school uniform is based on sound research which has shown that students all wearing the same uniform, not only removes the pressure that they feel to dress in a 'cool' way, it helps create a sense of belonging and unity.

School uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Establishes a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Promotes equality
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school
- Is good value for money
- A uniform supports positive behaviour and discipline.

At Monaghan Collegiate School we are proud of our uniform and appearance and believe that the way in which it is worn reflects on our school community. This policy sets out the responsibilities of students, parents and staff as together we work to ensure that every member of the school community respects this aspect of our school ethos.

The responsibility of pupils

It is the responsibility of students to make themselves aware of the uniform regulations. These are provided, before the start of the academic year to their parents. Students should understand:

- the correct uniform to be worn.
- the correct way in which the uniform should be worn.

Students should also be aware that failure to follow these regulations may lead to sanctions, which will be in line with the school's disciplinary procedures.

The responsibility of parents

Parents/guardians should be familiar with the uniform regulations provided annually by the school and should ensure that their son/daughter have the correct items. Parents are expected to support the school in its insistence that their son/daughter follows the regulations. If disciplinary action proves necessary, parents will also be expected to show their support in the enforcement of sanctions that are in line with the school's disciplinary procedures.

The responsibility of staff

Teaching staff should familiarise themselves with the uniform regulations and should ensure that students under their instruction, whether in class, on duty or on school trips adhere to the school uniform policy.

School Uniform	
BOYS	GIRLS
School blazer Dark grey flannels White shirt School tie School jumper (optional) Black school shoes (see appendix) Grey/black socks School overcoat (if required)	School blazer Black skirt (knee length) White shirt School tie School jumper (optional) Black school shoes (see appendix) Black socks/ black tights School overcoat (if required)

School uniform must be worn in a presentable manner at all times when in school, during all events when a pupil is representing the school, and travelling to and from school.

PE Uniform
School Midlayer Jumper School Tracksuit Bottoms School T-Shirt Suitable Sports Trainers/Runners

All clothing and all personal belongings should be marked with the owner's name. The School is not responsible for items of clothing or belongings lost on the premises.

Additional Notes

- Shirts/blouses must be tucked in with top buttons fastened at all times
- Ties should be worn with a neat knot and be a reasonable length
- Hair must be neat and tidy and of a reasonable spectrum of colour
- One pair of stud earrings may be worn which do not present a health and safety risk. **No other body piercing allowed**
- Boys should be clean-shaven.
- Excessive make-up is not permitted.
- Students who persistently wear clothing that is contrary to the uniform regulations are liable to have such items confiscated. In such instances, the item will be left in the main office to be collected by a parent.