

Coleraine College



Uniform Policy



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Rationale

The school uniform is a key way in which Coleraine College is presented to the local and wider community. Accordingly, the school has an interest in how the uniform is worn inside school and outside school. Advice given to parents and guardians upon entry to school clearly states the correct uniform. It is expected that pupils will bring the correct items of uniform and wear them in the correct manner.

Adherence to our high standards of uniform is regarded as an indicator of positive behaviour. Refusal to adhere to uniform standards will therefore be seen as a refusal to abide by school rules and sanctions will be applied accordingly. Uniform regulations apply to anyone when the uniform is worn outside school at trips or other events.

Aims and Objectives

Our Uniform Policy is based on the assumption that school uniform

- Promotes a sense of self pride and pride in the school
- Establishes a sense of identity and community and belonging to the school
- Promotes equality in terms of appearance
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Regulations

Blazer: As they are so expensive, good care should be taken of the blazer. Blazers should be worn to and from school and during the school day.

Footwear: Shoes must plain black with no visible or coloured motifs.

Skirt: Worn to the knee.

Tie: Not less than 5 stripes in length, done up at the neck with a regular sized knot, not tucked in and with no writing on it.

Shirt/Blouse: Tucked in, and all buttons and the collar must be done up.

School Pullover: V-necked. Non-school sweatshirts/hooded tops or zipped up tracksuit tops must not be worn under or over the blazer at any time.

Jewellery: In school, students may wear small stud earrings. Hoops, spacers or other styles of earrings may not be worn. The only facial piercing that is permitted is one small, discreet, nose stud. Students wearing any other facial piercings will be required to remove them.

Make up: Pupils must wear makeup in a discreet fashion.

Hair Styles: Extreme hairstyles and colours are unacceptable. Pupils are expected to wear their hair in a neat and tidy style. Pupils with longer hairstyles will be required to tie them back in a pony-tail in practical subjects.

Some aspects of uniform are subjective and the Board of Governors and School Leadership reserve the right to rule on matters of subjectivity.

Current permitted items of School Uniform

School Uniform: Boys

- Black blazer with red trim and school crest
- White shirt
- Red and black tie
- Black V-necked pullover with red trim
- Black school trousers
- Plain black coat
- Plain black shoes
- Black /Grey socks

P.E. Kit : boys

- Red and black half zip top with school crest
- Red and black crested polo shirt
- Black plain shorts
- Red football socks
- Plain black crested tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers / football boots

School Uniform: Girls

- Black blazer with red trim and school crest
- White shirt
- Red and black tie
- Black V-necked pullover with red trim
- Black 'A' line skirt
- Plain black coat
- Black leather shoes
- White knee length socks or black tights

P.E. Kit: girls

- Red and black ½ zip top with school crest
- Red & Black crested polo shirt
- Black skort or plain black crested leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Black shorts
- White socks
- Trainers

The role of Parents

Parents have a duty to send their children to school in the correct school uniform. Each child's uniform should be clean and kept in good repair. We would ask parents to adhere to the uniform policy of the school and to encourage their children to take pride in the school.

Non Uniform days

Parents will be informed in advance of any days when uniform is not required to be worn. On such days, it is expected that no items of clothing that may be deemed offensive or inappropriate should be worn.