



Coláiste Chú Chulainn

Uniform Policy Statement 2025



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Rationale

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, we take great pride in our school uniform, which serves as a symbol of our shared identity, unity, and commitment to excellence. Our uniform distinguishes our students, reinforcing a sense of belonging and respect for our school community.

We believe that the wearing of the school uniform:

- Promotes equality among students by removing peer pressure related to fashion trends.
- Encourages a sense of discipline, responsibility, and school pride.
- Supports a focused learning environment by reducing distractions.
- Enhances school security by ensuring students are easily identifiable.
- Prepares students for professional and workplace expectations regarding dress codes.

By choosing to enrol in Coláiste Chú Chulainn, students and parents/guardians acknowledge the importance of adhering to the school uniform policy. The full uniform, including appropriate school footwear, must be worn throughout every school day and when travelling to and from school.

We ask for the cooperation of parents and guardians in upholding this policy by ensuring that students wear the correct uniform daily. This partnership between the school, students, and families reinforces our high standards and commitment to fostering a positive school environment.

Uniform Policy Statement

At Coláiste Chú Chulainn, students are expected to take pride in their appearance by wearing the full school uniform each day. The uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including while traveling to and from school. To maintain a high standard, all uniform items should be kept in good condition, and we encourage parents/guardians to ensure that each piece is clearly labelled with the student's name.

1. Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform (as outlined in the uniform list), at all times during the school day, including the journey to school
2. Students must wear the appropriate P.E. uniform to school on their designated P.E. day. Wearing the P.E. uniform on any other school day is strictly prohibited.
3. Students represent themselves, their families and the school. They should be clean, presentable and neat at all times
4. Plain **black footwear** should be worn, NO obvious logos/ markings/designs. Coloured footwear is not allowed. Converse, Docks or Boots are not allowed
5. Appropriate plain black sports trainers must be worn by all students for PE class and when wearing the school PE uniform. In the interest of health and safety, casual footwear such as converse/pomps etc will not be permitted to be worn during PE.
6. No jacket other than the school jacket may be worn under any circumstance. Non-school jackets will be confiscated.

7. Shirt top buttons must be done up and ties tied correctly
8. Bright, vibrant, unnatural hair colours & unconventional hairstyles are not permitted. Long hair must be kept tied up.
9. Health & Safety considerations dictate that students may **NOT** wear any jewellery in PE and practical lessons. The following items of jewellery are permitted at other times: wristwatch, one small discreet stud earring per ear. Facial piercings are not permitted
10. Students may wear discreet (light) foundation to match their natural skin tone. Thick, heavy, and excessive make-up is not acceptable
11. Nails may only be painted with clear or 'French' manicure polish. Health & Safety considerations dictate that nails must be kept short. False nails or nail art are not permitted
12. Hats and scarves are not to be worn in the school building
13. Where students present in incorrect uniform, the following procedure is followed:
 - a. Student is referred to Year Head or management
 - b. Parent/Guardian is contacted and asked to bring uniform to school or collect student
14. All students are required to wear the full school uniform when representing the school competitively and on school trips, unless directed otherwise. Any student who is not dressed in the appropriate school uniform will not be permitted to represent the school or travel on school trips.
15. All items of the Coláiste Chú Chulainn uniform must be kept in good condition.

Important Note

- It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure every item of their child's uniform is labelled clearly with their child's name. Please use a waterproof marker. The school cannot take any responsibility for any item of student property either lost, stolen or damaged while in school.
- We advise parents/guardians to place an identifiable mark e.g. a small ribbon/button on the school jacket in a discreet location for easy identification.
- Regular uniform checks will take place.
- There will be regular reminders to students and parents about adhering to the uniform policy.
- If a student attends school without the full school uniform, they may be provided with a loan of the missing item/s of school uniform to be worn for the school day.
- For students who develop a pattern of coming to school out of uniform, their Parent/Guardian will be contacted and the appropriate measures adopted as the school authorities deem fit.
- Students in breach of any school Policy will be dealt with in accordance with our Code of Behaviour.

Uniform Items

Regular school uniform

- Navy school jacket with crest. Note there are two versions of this jacket – one with a hood and one without a hood. No other alternatives are allowed.
- White shirt – top button must be done up.
- School tie
- School skirt or school navy trousers (leggings are not permitted)
- School jumper with crest
- Plain black footwear



Physical Education (P.E.) Uniform

- Plain black trainers
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (leggings are not permitted)
- Royal blue school sports t-shirt with school crest
- Navy blue school quarter zip top with school crest.



Coláiste Chú Chulainn School Uniform Suppliers

To ensure accessibility and affordability for all families, our school uniform can be purchased from a variety of shops across Dundalk. Parents and guardians are free to buy uniform items from any retailer that meets the school's uniform policy requirements.

Responsibilities

Ensuring that all students wear the correct school uniform is a shared responsibility between the school, parents/guardians, and students. By working together, we maintain a sense of unity, respect, and school pride.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Ensure students are wearing full uniform in class.
- Any uniform discrepancies are reported to the Year Head/school management.

School Responsibilities:

- Implement policy on breach of uniform rules.
- May make contact with parents/guardians
- Ask Parents/guardians to bring correct uniform into school or take student home to correct the uniform.
- Students may be kept out of class until uniform is rectified.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- To ensure that their child comes to school in correct uniform and to support the school in implementing our uniform policy.
- To properly enforce the uniform policy. The school is dependent on the support of parents and guardians.
- On such occasions where school uniform cannot be worn, Parents/guardians are asked to notify the school in writing. The school may lend an item of uniform for the day, which must be worn on condition that it is washed, dried and returned the following day.

Student Responsibilities:

- Help parents to get uniform ready to wear.
- Always wear full Coláiste Chú Chulainn school uniform during school and at school trips.
- Adhere to school uniform policy

<i>Date Ratified by the Board of Management:</i>	<i>16th September 2025</i>
<i>Proposed By:</i>	<i>Thomas White</i>
<i>Seconded By:</i>	<i>Yvonne Mefor</i>
<i>Signed:</i>	
<i>Scheduled Date for Review of the Policy:</i>	<i>May 2026</i>

Student and Parent/Guardian Consent Form

This School Uniform Policy is part of the school's Code of Behaviour and must be followed at all times. Students and parents are required to acknowledge and commit to adhering to this School Uniform Policy. Please sign this form in the appropriate places below.

Student Agreement to Coláiste Chú Chulainn Uniform Policy

Please note that it is a condition of enrolment that the Student must sign this Policy

- I have read and understand the Coláiste Chú Chulainn Uniform Policy
- I accept this Uniform Policy
- I agree to follow all the conditions as outlined in the Uniform Policy
- I agree to wear the full school uniform everyday

(Student Printed Name)

(Student Signature)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement to Coláiste Chú Chulainn Uniform Policy

Please note that it is a condition of enrolment that Parents/Guardians must sign this Policy

- I/We have received a full copy of the Coláiste Chú Chulainn Uniform policy
- I/We have read and fully understand the Coláiste Chú Chulainn Uniform Policy
- I/We accept this Uniform Policy
- I/We agree to ensure my child follows all the conditions as outlined in the Uniform Policy
- I/We agree to ensure our child wears the full school uniform to and from school every day

(Parent/Guardian Printed Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Printed Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date: _____

Report on Review of PE Uniform 2024

Since the Covid 19 pandemic, school has permitted students to wear PE uniform to school on the day they have PE. This reduces contact in dressing rooms and also minimised the need to carry additional bags to school.

It has been noted that the PE uniform policy was being abused. Incorrect bottoms and t-shirts were being worn.

The Student council administered a survey of the student body in February/March to establish students feedback on the matter. The findings were as follows:

1. Problem A: Often students wear the PE uniform on a day they do not have PE. Please tick which solution you support: *

- ☐ In the future, no student will be allowed to wear a PE uniform to school.
- ☐ All students must follow the current rule of wearing their PE uniform only on PE day

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2. Often students wear the wrong tracksuit bottoms - they often wear leggings or the wrong colour bottoms. Please tick which solutions you support: *

- ☐ We change the uniform policy from plain navy tracksuit bottoms to a special bottom with the school logo that is more expensive and must be bought from a specific shop
- ☐ All students must follow the current rule of wearing plain navy tracksuit bottoms only.

- ☒ We change the uniform policy fr... 27
- ☒ All students must follow the cur... 99



The student survey affirms the policy as it stands.