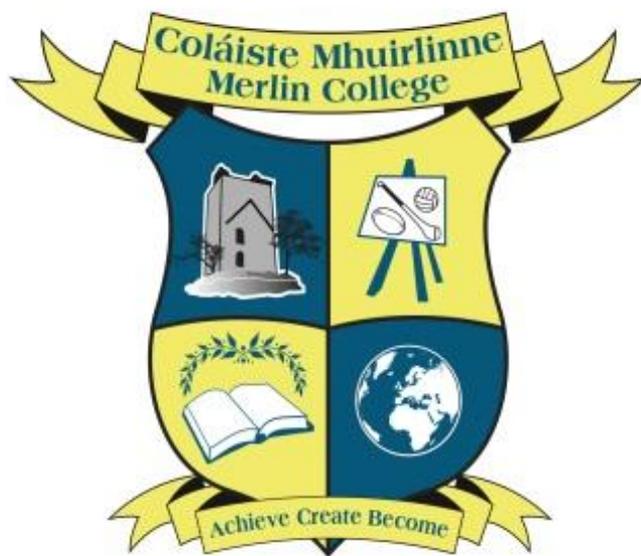


Uniform Policy.

Coláiste Mhuirlinne/ Merlin College

Doughiska,

Galway City.



**Ratified by the Board of
Management on**

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Mission Statement

“Coláiste Mhuirlinne/ Merlin College aims to foster an environment of respect, integrity and positive learning in a safe and enjoyable setting.”

Aims of the School Uniform Policy

The Merlin College Uniform Policy helps to encourage pride in the school.

Individual responsibility is encouraged as students are required to present themselves cleanly and neatly in full school uniform every day.

Students represent the school positively in the community and the uniform helps their self-esteem and self-confidence.

Students are protected from peer/social pressure to dress in a particular way.

A sense of equality and cohesion is fostered and all ethnic groups, nationalities and religions are helped to feel welcome.

Teaching and learning is supported as students work in comfortable, safe and suitable attire.

School Uniform

Girls:

School crested jumper
school tie
school tartan skirt
(all of the above can be purchased at the Schoolwear Centre)
or navy trousers
cream blouse
plain black shoes

Boys:

plain black/navy socks or tights
School crested jumper
school tie
(both can be purchased at the Schoolwear Centre)
navy trousers
cream shirt
plain black shoes
plain black/navy socks

(Girls and Boys when they reach Senior Cycle i.e. Transition Year or LCA1 will also be required to wear a school Blazer jacket)

- “Plain” means without decoration or embellishment. It applies to tights/socks worn with skirts and socks worn with trousers. (Pyjamas and leggings are not permitted to be worn under the school skirt.)
- “Plain” black shoes means without colour or decoration. No boots, trainers/runners, canvas pumps, high heels or sandals are permitted.
- Hair colour or hair embellishment must be tasteful and reasonable.
- “Plain” stud earrings only are permitted and should only be worn on the lower part of the earlobe.
- No visible body art permitted.
- Trousers must be worn over socks and not tucked in.
- School skirts must be worn at an appropriate length and not rolled up at the waist.
- Hoodies, scarves, hats or gloves are not permitted in class.
- White v-necked tee shirts or vests may be worn under the blouse/shirt - coloured tee shirts are not permitted.
- Students are requested to wear runners with white soles for PE as black or other types of footwear scuff and destroy the playing surface of the PE hall.

Rules Relating to School Uniform

- Full uniform must be worn at all times in school and when representing school.
- Full uniform must be worn at all school and state exams.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that their son/daughter is in full uniform each day at school.
- Pupils who have a genuine reason for being out of uniform should bring a dated letter signed by a parent/guardian to the class tutor/year head before 9.00am.
- Jeans/tracksuit bottoms/leggings are not permitted as a substitute for school trousers in such an event.
- Sanctions may include afterschool detention and/or internal suspension.
- If necessary, parents will be contacted to bring in the students school uniform.

- Parents will also be advised by phone and letter that their child has attended school without the agreed school uniform and that this should not occur again. Otherwise it may be considered that they no longer wish to adhere to the school's Code of Behaviour as ratified by the Board of Management.
- Students may not change into PE gear at lunch time unless involved in school sports.
- Please make sure students names are on all items of clothing.
- Persistent disregard for uniform will be addressed through the Code of Behaviour.
- Suitable attire must be worn on days where 'no uniform' is permitted.

The Board authorises the school management to address disregard of the Uniform Policy through the Code of Behaviour Policy and the Board will deal with pupils refusing to co-operate with the policy.

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED TO THE SCHOOL

I have read the above policy and agree to wear the full school uniform:

Student Signature:

I have read the above policy and accept that my son/daughter will wear the full school uniform:

Parent/Guardian Signature:
