

# School Uniform Guidelines 2023-2024

School Uniform is an important aspect of a student's identity & responsibility within the school community. The uniform serves many purposes for the student, including:

*The promotion of a sense of pride in his/her school community;  
The fostering of a sense of expectation and responsibility, as a preparation for future life.*

The following are guidelines to assist parents/guardians and students in ensuring that they are compliant with the Coachford College School Uniform Policy.

## Compulsory Uniform Items

### Jumper

DEERPARK: Grey round neck jumper with crest stitched in place; 50% wool / 50% acrylic with double cuff and double waistband. Students are required to own a school jumper. *We have found this jumper to be very good quality and hard wearing.*

**Boy's Trousers:** ORRIESS style no. 1361(grey) or DandG style no. 72700 or style no. 72766 (grey) or Ann Fahy Grey Trousers or no. 400 youth.

**Girls Trousers:** plain grey Hunter style 255

**Skirts:** Virginian Grey Straight skirt, Ref G.S.1. Girls may wear this knee length grey skirt if they wish but this must be worn with plain BLACK OPAQUE tights (at *least 60 denier*). Socks should not be worn over tights.

**Shirt:** Light blue shirt/blouse (which must be tucked in at all times). Torn shirts must be replaced.

**Footwear: Black footwear only**, of shoe shape. Please note soles/logos/writing/laces must also be black. Boat shoes with white soles are not acceptable. Boots are only acceptable if they are covered by trousers and not seen.

## Optional Uniform Items

**Jacket/Coat:** Students may wear the official Coachford College O'Neill's navy jacket (The link to O'Neills Coachford College shop is on [www.coachfordcollege.ie](http://www.coachfordcollege.ie)) or a navy unbranded rain jacket over their school uniform. Navy crested jackets from the Coachford College section of O'Neills shop are permitted. *Please note navy hoodies/fleeces etc. are not permitted.*

**Half-Zip:** Students may wear the official half-zip outer garment in school colours with the school crest stitched in place. The half-zip can be purchased each September at the school or from McCarthy's Sportsworld, Glanmire.

**Please note:** Non-uniform items must be removed within the school grounds for the duration of class and break times. If this is not adhered to, non-uniform items may be confiscated or another sanction imposed.

## Jewellery

**Facial: FACIAL JEWELLERY/IMPLANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED** and must be removed during school hours. Sanctions will be imposed for repeat offenders.

**Earrings:** Any earrings which are a health and safety concern must be removed during school hours e.g. large hoop earrings.

**Rings:** Students may be asked to remove rings for health and safety reasons during practical classes.

**Make Up:** Whilst make up is not encouraged, any make-up worn must be discrete and appropriate to a school setting.

**Hair:** Only natural hair colour is permitted. Dyed hair must be a natural hair colour.

**Other notes:**

Students are permitted to wear WHITE or light grey t-shirts or vests underneath the school shirt. Coloured t-shirts and jerseys are NOT permitted. **Hats** may not be worn in school.

**P.E. Uniform:** The P.E. uniform is obligatory for ALL students. It consists of a NAVY tracksuit pants (any brand navy tracksuit pants is acceptable) and a blue t-shirt with the school crest/colours. The t-shirt can be purchased each September at the school or from McCarthy's Sportsworld, Glanmire. The choice of trainers/runners is at the discretion of parents/guardians, but they should have "non-marking" soles for use in the PE hall.

**Non-Compliance**

Students who continue to wear incorrect uniform will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. School uniform is symbolic of the highest standards expected of our students, and is therefore one of the key elements in the school's **Appropriate Behaviour Policy**. *Co-operation of parents/guardians in this area is therefore greatly appreciated.*

**Lost Uniform**

Due to the large number of students who wear the same clothing, it is **very strongly** recommended to place identifying marks on their uniform particularly on jumpers and coats so as to assist in the easy recovery in the event of misplacement. A simple labelling system ensures the avoidance of undue expense. Coachford College is not responsible for lost uniforms.

**Changes to these Guidelines**

The guidelines are not exhaustive and changes with regard to uniform expectations may be made as deemed necessary. Notices regarding changes are communicated to students but these changes will always fall under common sense provisions. Parents/guardians are therefore asked to take this into consideration when purchasing. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

**We ask that parents/guardians ensure that these Guidelines are followed when purchasing a uniform and are welcome to contact the school at any stage for clarification on any uniform matter.**

**Retailers**

**For Jumper, Trousers:** *For your convenience, we use 2 retailers:*

**Mick Murphy, North Main St., Cork.** 021-4273464

**Dan Twomey, Macroom.** 026-42230

**PE Shirt & Half-Zip top:**

McCarthy's Sportsworld, Glanmire. (McCarthy's visit the school each September)

Visit [www.coachfordcollege.ie](http://www.coachfordcollege.ie) for **School Uniform Policy** and further uniform information.

**Generic blue shirt and black footwear can be purchased from any retailer.**