



Griffeen Community College

School Uniform Policy

2021-2022

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Uniform Policy and Requirements

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Rationale

Griffeen Community College places importance on school uniform as it identifies each student as a member of our school community as well as creating a sense of equality among the student body. Correct wearing of the school uniform requires the full co-operation of students, parents/guardians and the school staff. Students should wear the school uniform with dignity and pride and be aware that when in uniform, they represent not just themselves, but the whole school community.

Objectives of the Policy

1. The school uniform helps to promote a positive image and sense of belonging to the school.
2. The uniform makes students recognisable as members of Griffeen Community College.
3. The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition, thereby reducing the potential for bullying.
4. Wearing a uniform contributes to order, security and recognition of our students on the school shared campus.
5. Wearing prescribed footwear is essential to protect the school flooring and for safety in the practical classrooms.

Uniform Guidelines & Appearance

- Every student is expected to present themselves in full uniform every day. Checks will be made during Tutorial as well as during class time.
- The school uniform must be worn travelling to and from school and at all school functions unless otherwise agreed.
- The uniform must be kept clean, neat and worn respectfully. It is recommended that the PE and school uniform are washed at least once a week, which will ensure they stay in good condition. A clean uniform is an important part of personal responsibility, personal hygiene and respect for others in the learning environment.
- Students must change out of their school uniform as soon as they get home in the evening to preserve its quality.
- T-shirts will not be visible under the school uniform. Shirts must be buttoned up to the collar.
- Customized items i.e., the school jumper, kilt, tie, PE uniform and school jacket must be purchased from the college suppliers. No other items may be substituted. Items such as trousers, shirts and socks, can be purchased from any department store once they align with the school colours i.e., navy trousers, pale blue shirt, black or white socks.

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- All students are required to wear full uniform when representing the school on school trips or activities. Any student who does not present in the appropriate uniform will not be permitted to represent the school or go on the school trip or outing.
- On occasion, the P.E. uniform may be permitted for sporting or extra-curricular outings. Parents will be informed in advance when this is deemed necessary. Students who are not dressed in the appropriate school P.E. uniform will not be permitted to travel.
- Leggings are not permitted for P.E. The school approved navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts must be worn.
- The wearing of tracksuit bottoms on non PE days is not permitted. They can only be worn when a medical certificate is supplied from a doctor specifically stating that they are necessary.
- The wearing of the hijab for religious reasons is permitted, but it must be made of flame-retardant material for safety reasons. It must be plain navy and tucked inside the jumper collar.
- If a student comes to school with a uniform item missing, they will receive a note in their journal. The note must be signed by a parent/guardian and presented to the Tutor the following day before class.
- A student who is out of uniform (including incorrect shoes) will be asked to return home to change.
- School skirts must be worn at least 5 cm below the knee.
- Students wearing the Griffeen Community College uniform represent the school to the wider community. Behaviour outside school must never bring the school into disrepute.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be contacted if there are an ongoing difficulties regarding uniform.
- Parents/Guardians are requested to mark each items of the uniform with the student's name.
- Parents/Guardians must replace any lost items of the uniform promptly.
- No facial piercing(s) are allowed.
- Excessive make-up (of any description) is not allowed. **Excessive meaning excessive mascara/false eyelashes. Students will be given a cleansing wipe and requested to remove heavy make-up if they wear it to school.
- Students may not wear chains, bracelets etc. as they can be a Health and Safety hazard in particular in practical lessons. These items will be confiscated and may be collected by parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Student hairstyles must be kept clean, neat and discreet. Hair colours must be within the natural range of hair colours. Shaved heads are not allowed. Designs shaved in to the hair are not permitted.
- The school reserves the right to decide whether a hairstyle is acceptable or not.
- Students are not allowed to wear coloured nail varnish or fake nails for health and safety reasons.



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- Visible tattoos are not permissible.

Families wishing to speak in confidence about a difficulty regarding uniform, may contact the Principal/Deputy Principal for support.

School Uniform

The school uniform is available to purchase **online only** due to Covid 19 restrictions. Our school supplier is School Warehouse; Tel: (01) 4604371. Orders may be purchased at www.schoolwarehouse.ie

<i>School Uniform</i>	
<p>Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Cycle GCC Navy Crested Jumper• Senior Cycle GCC Teal Crested Jumper (image to follow)• Pale blue shirt• School tie• Navy trousers• Navy socks	
<p>Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCC navy crested sweater• Pale blue shirt• School tie• GCC school skirt or navy trousers• Navy knee high socks or tights.	

School Shoes

Approved School Shoes

Shoes must be solid **formal polishable black shoes**. This includes **black soles, upper and laces**. The image on the right includes examples of approved styles.



Non-Approved School Shoes

Runner style shoes are *not permitted*. There will be **no visible logos, stripes or brand labels** on the shoes. White, off-white or tan soles are not permitted.

The images on the left include some **examples** of shoes that do ***not*** categorise as approved black polishable shoes.



School Jacket

The crested school jacket is the *only* jacket that may be worn. There are two versions available.

Option A: Soft shell crested jacket without hood.

Option B: Navy regatta jacket with hood.

It is a personal preference which one is purchased.

GCC School Navy, Crested, Soft Shell Jacket.



GCC School Navy, Regatta Jacket with Hood.



School PE Uniform

As no changing facilities are available for PE classes, students may wear the approved school tracksuit to school on days when they are timetabled for PE for the academic year 2020/2021.

PE Tracksuit

- Navy, crested, school sweatshirt
- Blue crested polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit bottoms displaying the school crest or logo



PE Footwear

For Health and Safety reasons, students must wear appropriate footwear for PE at all times. Images of suitable and non-approved examples are shown on the right.

- Canvas, slipper type shoes are not permitted.

Acceptable



Unacceptable



Roles and Responsibilities of Various Parties

All teachers are responsible for the monitoring of the school uniform. Students who fail to wear the full uniform or tracksuit, as appropriate, will receive a note in their journal. Regular failure to comply with the uniform policy will be dealt with in line with our Code of Positive Behaviour.

Students are encouraged to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

Important Notes

It is imperative that all students comply fully with our uniform code. On the occurrence of an isolated incident where a student is unable to wear their correct uniform, parents/guardians must write an explanatory note in the school journal. The student must present this note to their tutor before morning assembly.

The school will send a maximum of two letters to parents/guardians to inform them if their child is not complying fully with the uniform code. This gives parents/guardians an opportunity to address the issue. Persistent infraction of the uniform code will result in the parent/guardian being called in to meet the Tutor to discuss how the student can be supported to wear the correct school uniform.

Our School Uniform Policy is in line with our Ready, Respectful, Safe positive behaviour strategy.

Ready	Respectful	Safe
Full school uniform every day - Ready For Learning.	Uniform is clean & presentable - Respect for Oneself & for Their School Community	Ensures that all students are easily identifiable – Safe for Learning

Review

The school undertakes a tendering process for the supply of the school uniform and tracksuit. The Uniform Policy will be reviewed prior to any engagement in a new tendering process.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on: 22/6/21

Signed Chairperson: _____

Signed Principal: _____