



School Uniform Policy

Coláiste De Lacy

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Coláiste De Lacy is very proud of its students and the school uniform which clearly identifies and distinguishes them. Our school uniform is a huge part of our identity as a community of learners. The students of Coláiste De Lacy wear their uniform with pride and honour. The manner in which students present and conduct themselves while in uniform reflects significantly on the public image of Coláiste De Lacy. Therefore, students wearing our uniform should always be conscious that they represent the entire school community, and as such, their conduct, attitude and manners should reflect our school principles and values (school ethos).

There are many advantages of school uniforms, for example:

- A school uniform instils pride, a sense of belonging and a community feeling in our school
- It makes it much easier for staff and the public to recognise a student belonging to Coláiste De Lacy and also to recognise others who do not belong on our school campus
- Wearing the school uniform reduces social snobbery and peer pressure in school
- It removes the incidence of inappropriate dress in school
- It helps our students to learn better as it removes a major source of distraction.

A lot of hard work, research, time and collaboration have gone into choosing the uniform for Coláiste De Lacy. Parents and guardians are expected to show their support for Coláiste De Lacy by fully co-operating with the school in ensuring that all students **wear the full school uniform to and from school every day.**

Below is the current school uniform for Coláiste De Lacy which is compulsory for all students attending our school:

<i>School Uniform items which can only be purchased from the official school suppliers (Kaideen & Co Ltd., schooluniformsdirect.ie & Anu Fashions, Ashbourne)</i>	<i>School Uniform items which can only be purchased separately by parents/guardians</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Navy, crested, waterproof jacket with wine fleece lining OR navy crested rain jacket ✓ Blue (Junior Cycle) or Navy (Senior Cycle) crested, V-neck jumper ✓ Pleated skirt ✓ Navy, pinstriped trousers ✓ Wine (Junior Cycle) or Navy (Senior Cycle) crested, hoodie/half-zip for PE ✓ Navy, crested T-shirt for PE ✓ School tie ✓ School shorts (optional) ✓ School slim leg navy tracksuit bottoms (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At least 2 white shirts ✓ White/navy socks/tights for girls ✓ Black/navy socks for boys ✓ Navy 'Dubarry' style shoes (boys & girls) (see pictures on following pages) ✓ Plain black leather shoes ✓ Plain, navy, tracksuit bottoms (<u>shell material only</u>, no logos, branding, or markings of any kind) ✓ Proper sports runners for PE (no casual runners, runner boots...etc.)

Uniform: *(Items shown are samples without the Coláiste De Lacy crest)*



School Footwear

Please check the following pictures of shoes that will or will not be allowed to be worn with the Coláiste De Lacy uniform. Parents/guardians are advised to check with the school if they are unsure BEFORE purchasing any footwear.

The following types of shoes are permitted to be worn by students:

1. Navy 'Dubarry' style deck shoes



2. Plain black leather shoes ONLY.

Absolutely no trainer/runner/pump style shoes.



The following types of shoes are NOT permitted to be worn by students:



The above list of shoes is not exhaustive. Please contact the school if you are unsure before purchasing footwear.

Suppliers of the official School Uniform:

Replacement items can be purchased from *Kaideen & Co Ltd* (www.schooluniformsdirect.ie) (0868983937) and *Anu Fashions*, Garden City, Ashbourne throughout the year.

The school footwear can be sourced anywhere as many shops carry this style of shoe.

Alternative brands to *Dubarry* are allowed provided that they are a similar in style. *Dubarry* are simply cited as an example of the style of shoe.

Uniform Code

The school uniform is hugely important in Coláiste De Lacy and will be inspected every morning at Tionól (school assembly) or during Clann Time (tutor time). Please read the following very carefully. This uniform code will be implemented in the context of our Code of Conduct.

- ✓ All students are required to wear the full school uniform (as described in this document) **to, from and during** school every day. This includes the correct school footwear, official school jacket and official school tie.
- ✓ Students should change out of their school uniform as soon as they get home in the evening in order to preserve the quality of the uniform.
- ✓ Students should always be aware that they represent our school when wearing the school uniform (even outside of normal school hours). Any poor conduct whilst wearing our school uniform has a potential impact on the image of Coláiste De Lacy and **may** result in disciplinary consequences (in accordance with our Code of Conduct).
- ✓ It is expected that the uniform is kept clean and maintained to the highest standards and that students wear it with pride.
- ✓ Students should also maintain high standards of personal hygiene at all times.
- ✓ All students are required to wear the full school uniform when representing the school on school trips/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/outing.
- ✓ On occasion, the P.E. uniform **may** be permitted for sporting outings or different events e.g. Active Week, HSE Vaccinations...etc. Parents will be informed in advance when this is deemed necessary. Once again, students who are not dressed in the appropriate school P.E. uniform will not be permitted to travel to matches.
- ✓ School hoodies/half-zips are only permitted for P.E. lessons, activities or outings. They are not to be worn instead of the school jacket. Hoods should not be worn up unnecessarily.
- ✓ School skirts must be worn **at least 2 inches below the knee. Girls are not allowed to roll skirts up.**
- ✓ Shoes must be kept clean and polished.
- ✓ T-shirts must not be visible under the school uniform. Round neck T-shirts are not allowed to be worn under the shirt. Shirts must be buttoned up to the collar. The school tie must be worn at all times.
- ✓ No jacket other than the official school jackets may be worn at any time. Non-uniform items of clothing will be confiscated and parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange a meeting in order to return the confiscated item.

- ✓ School jackets may be worn inside the school building but they should be removed once in class and hung on the back of the chair.
- ✓ **Fake tan and Make-up (of any description) is not allowed. Students will be given a cleansing wipe and instructed to remove make-up if they wear it to school.**
- ✓ 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 allowed. No distracting or outlandish hairstyles will be accepted under any circumstances. Only plain hairbands may be worn. ***The school reserves the right to decide whether a particular hairstyle is acceptable or not.***
- ✓ Students are not allowed to wear acrylic nails, gel overlays, Shellac or fake nails.
- ✓ Tattoos and facial piercings (of any kind) are not allowed.
- ✓ False eyelashes are not allowed.
- ✓ The wearing of jewellery for all students is limited to a wristwatch, a small ring on one hand, and a small pair of stud earrings. Health and safety regulations mean that jewellery is prohibited in certain lessons e.g. Home Economics, Material Technology Wood, P.E., etc. as it constitutes a risk. Students should not wear jewellery on days when they have these subjects as there is no facility in the school for staff to 'mind' jewellery.
- ✓ A plain navy scarf and gloves may be worn during cold weather but must be removed once inside the school building.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure that each item of their son/daughter's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. A waterproof marker should be used.
- ✓ Students are responsible for their own property.

Important Notes:

1. It is imperative that all students comply fully with our uniform code. On the occurrence of an isolated incidence where a student is unable to wear their correct uniform, parents/guardians should write an explanatory note in the notes section of the student's dialann. The student should present this note to their Caomhnóir before morning tionól. In the case where the school has a stock of the missing item of uniform, the student will be loaned the item for the day.
2. The school will communicate parents/guardians to inform them if their son/daughter 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 contacted to come and take the student home until they comply fully.

3. Parents/guardians should contact the school if they are experiencing difficulty in acquiring the uniform.