

## **Creagh College Uniform Policy**

Creagh College believes that the college uniform is a fundamental part of the college's identity. The operation of this policy is intended to ensure that the college maintains a positive image; that teachers, parents/guardians and pupils are familiar with their responsibilities with regard to the uniform policy, and that deviations from the policy are speedily identified and rectified.

### **Rationale for having a uniform**

- It creates a clear college identity.
- It reduces the costs incurred by parents of regularly having to purchase "fashionable" clothes for their children.
- Pupils can clearly be distinguished from intruders.
- It represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of Creagh College.
- It establishes an appropriate code of dress for post-primary pupils.
- In forming a distinctive part of the college's identity, it can create a sense of pride among teachers, pupils and parents/guardians.
- It establishes a dress code that provides for the health and safety of all members of the school community.

### **Enforcement Policy**

To ensure maximum compliance with the Uniform Policy, Creagh College is dependent on the support of teachers, parents/guardians and pupils. Teachers will refer pupils presenting for class without the appropriate uniform to the Principal or Deputy Principal or Year Head as appropriate.

On being referred, pupils will be afforded an opportunity to explain the reason for their non-compliance and to indicate when they expect to rectify the issue. Their parent/guardian should enter a note in the student's journal explaining the reason.

Notwithstanding the particular reason for non-compliance, pupils will not generally be allowed to attend normal class while they are in breach of the uniform code.

Spare uniform items are available from the Front Office and will be provided to students when available to rectify non-compliance.

Where it has been decided that a pupil will not be allowed return to their normal class because of a breach of the uniform code, that pupil's parents should be contacted to collect the student from school or to rectify the uniform issue. While waiting to be collected, the student will be expected to engage in school work. It may be necessary for the pupil to sit with another class or in an area where they can be regularly checked. It will be the responsibility of any pupils who miss classes as a result of the operation of the Uniform policy to ensure that they are aware of and complete any homework assignments that are given to their class in their absence.

In certain circumstances, the Principal or Deputy Principal or Year Head may decide that such pupils should attend their normal classes. Such circumstances may include:

- Situations in which non-compliance with the uniform code is beyond the control of the pupil and/or their parents/guardians.
- Situations in which the pupil's class are involved in activities that form an essential part of the state examinations process.

Persistent disregard for the uniform policy will be addressed through the code of behaviour.

### **Physical Education and Sports Activities**

For their own safety and the safety of others, all pupils must wear appropriate gear while participating in P.E. and sports.

When participating in sports that require particular items of protective clothing or gear (eg. shinpads, gumshields or helmets) pupils must wear said item(s).

Pupils who present in unsafe/unacceptable gear, will not be allowed participate in the PE class or sporting activity in question.

Pupils will not be allowed to participate in PE classes or sporting activities while wearing their college uniform.

**P.E Uniform** : P.E. top and black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms must be worn during P.E. class. Runners must be worn inside and football boots are recommended for use on the outdoor sports fields. A teacher in charge of an extra-curricular sport may give permission for team members to wear the official school tracksuit on the day of a game/event, when they are representing the school. The school tracksuit and P.E. shirt can be purchased by following the link on our school website.

### **Uniform**

The college uniform is a symbol of our college to all who see our students as they come and go from college.

For all pupils:           The official college jumper, which is a black v-necked jumper with a red stripe at the collar.

Creagh College has an official school jacket available from local suppliers. The jacket was designed and introduced following extensive discussions between Parent and Student Councils and school management. If a student is wearing a jacket to school it must be the official Creagh College jacket.

For boys:                 A standard white shirt with collar (not a polo or t-shirt).  
Grey trousers – must be full length.  
Black shoes.

Black runners are not acceptable. (See Appendix A)  
Black or grey socks.

**N.B. All items of clothing and equipment to be clearly marked.**

**The school does *not* take responsibility for missing items of uniform.**

For girls:                   A white blouse with “revere” collar.  
The official college uniform skirt (black, white and red tartan),  
OR, standard uniform grey trousers<sup>1</sup>. Skirt length should be  
below the knee.  
Black shoes.  
Black runners/boots are not acceptable. (See appendix B)  
Black tights or, black or grey socks.

Supplier: All uniform items are available from Funge’s, Main Street, Gorey and  
Leddy’s Uniforms at Sally West, Main Street, Gorey.

### **Guidelines for jewellery, hair-style and make-up**

One small ear ring in each ear are permitted. Large ear rings are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

Other visible body piercings are not allowed, e.g. tongue/eyebrow/nose etc.).  
Covering such piercings with a plaster or by other means will not be permitted.

A student who is unable to remove a piercing for any reason will be given one school day to rectify the situation after which they will not be allowed attend school until the piercing is removed.

Hair must be neat and tidy at all times.

Overly flamboyant hair colours or styles are not permitted.

Flamboyant and/or heavy make-up is not permitted.

### **Clothing which forms part of a pupil’s religious observance**

Items of clothing that are required in order for individual student’s to comply with their and their family’s religious observances will be permitted provided such items are: a)

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<sup>1</sup> 2 styles of standard uniform grey trousers/slacks for girls are available from local suppliers (Hunter brand). Only these trousers are permitted.

generally in keeping with the colour scheme of the college uniform, b) do not pose a health and safety risk, c) do not obstruct a facial view to the extent that proper communication between teacher and pupil is hindered.

Parents or guardians of a pupil who wishes to avail of this provision of the college uniform policy should raise the matter with the college principal on enrolment or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **Special Occasions**

From time to time, our students represent Creagh College at events such as Debating, BT Young Scientist, Mini-Company Finals etc. On such formal occasions, students may borrow an official college blazer and necktie.

Non-uniform days are held occasionally. On such days, students are permitted to wear football jerseys, fancy dress or other non-uniform clothing depending on the particular nature of the day in question. However, school management reserves the right to send home students whose outfits on such days are deemed to be inappropriate for school (for example, overly revealing or bearing racist or offensive slogans).

### **Discretionary powers of school management**

The school management reserves the right to adjudicate on the appropriateness of hair styles, body piercings, other jewellery, make-up, footwear, and items of clothing not specifically covered by these rules. Any such decision will be binding on the student concerned.

### **Exemptions from Policy**

From time-to-time, students of Creagh College may request to be exempted from aspects of the Uniform Policy. This may arise because of a disability, a medical condition, or a special educational need. Such requests must be made in writing to school management BEFORE students attend school wearing non-compliant uniform items. It will be the general policy of Creagh College management to accommodate students with genuine needs in this regard while maintaining the overall integrity of the Uniform Policy. Any such arrangements entered into will be specific to that individual student and will not in any way form a precedent exempting the student body generally from the uniform policy.

### **Uniform Policy Review**

This policy will be subject to review and amendment as the college develops and following discussions with the entire school community.

Date of ratification by Board of Management: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Appendix A: Boys Shoes

**Acceptable**



**Not Acceptable**



Appendix B: Girls Shoes

**Acceptable**



**Not Acceptable**



