

ARDSCOIL MHUIRE



School Uniform Policy

Introductory Statement

This policy is to outline the school uniform, which is worn in Ardscoil Mhuire.

Rationale

To ensure parents, pupils and staff are aware of the correct school uniform. This Policy has been drawn up through a collaborative process involving the Parents' Association, School Staff, Student Representative Council and Board of Management. The highest standard of personal appearance is expected at all times as it represents the standards set by our school for our students.

Ardscoil Mhuire Parents' Association along with the Student Representative Council, Board of Management, Principal and teachers endeavour to maintain the highest standards in matters of dress code and personal appearance for all students in the school.

Accordingly, parents must ensure that pupils comply with these standards in matters of general appearance, dress, hairstyles and jewellery at all times during the school term.

All students are obliged to wear the full school uniform during school hours, matches, outings, state examinations or when representing the school in any way unless otherwise stated.

It is understandable that from time to time a student may come to school without the correct uniform due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case the student should bring a written note to school explaining the reason for not having the correct uniform.

Requirements

- The school uniform consists of a **navy jumper with school crest, navy skirt, blue shirt, school tie, navy or black shoes or all black runners without logos, navy or black socks and a school jacket, school PE top, school tracksuit bottoms and school scarf**. Students who wear the incorrect uniform will receive a sanction and may be sent home to change.
- For P.E. classes' students should have school PE top, school tracksuit bottoms and appropriate runners. Students are permitted to wear their PE gear to school on the day they are timetabled for PE. Leggings are not permitted. If a student does not have the school PE gear they must wear their school uniform to school and change into their PE gear prior to their PE class. Senior Cycle students who are undertaking Leaving Certificate PE are permitted to wear their PE gear for their double class or if instructed to do so by their teacher. If a student does not bring their PE gear to school, which as a consequence will

prevent them from participating in a double lesson, a sanction of a one hour detention after school on a Thursday will be imposed.

General Appearance

- Hair to be kept neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair should be tied back for practical classes – Art, Home Economics, P.E. and Science.
- Natural hair colour is only permitted. Non-natural hair colouring and partially shaved heads is not allowed. Students presenting with inappropriate designs or colour will receive a sanction and are expected to return the following day having addressed the issue. In extreme cases the student may be sent home. If this issue is not addressed students will receive a further sanction.
- Jewellery – no neck chains, long earrings or hoop earrings. Students are permitted to wear small earrings/studs in their ears and **no** facial piercings. For health and safety reasons students will be asked to remove inappropriate earrings, chains and facial piercings and the item will be confiscated. Students who are unable to remove their facial piercing will receive a sanction and are expected to return the following day having addressed the issue. If this issue is not addressed students will receive a further sanction.
- Students will be asked to remove excessive make-up and fake eyelashes.
- Chewing gum is prohibited.
- Students should be encouraged to keep their uniform clean and tidy.
- Gloves and school scarves to be worn outside only.
- School jackets to be removed on entering the school every morning. They are not to be worn in class.
- For educational, health and safety reasons gel and acrylic nails are not permitted. Students presenting with gel and acrylic nails will receive a sanction and are expected to return the following day having taken steps to address the issue. If this issue is not addressed students will receive a further sanction.

Uniform Inspections and failure to comply with this policy

- Class teachers, Year Heads and management will carry out uniform inspections regularly.
- Failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in a sanction being issued and the students may be sent home to change.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Sr. Ena Quinlan
Chairperson
Board of Management

Reviewed on: _____

Date of Review _____