



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Tuesday 15th June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We are writing to let you know that the option of **a trouser uniform** will be available to all students from the start of the next school year 2021-2022.

Following consultation with students, staff, parents/guardians and Board of Management members, we can now confirm the trousers and pinafore uniforms as preferred by all the parties involved in the consultation process over the past year.

Details of the school uniform options are provided for you below.

Trouser Uniform

The new trouser uniform is as follows:

- Grey trousers.
Note: two styles are available as our students feel that different styles suit different body shapes.
- **Loreto crested** red v-neck jumper.
- White shirt (long sleeved).
- **Uniform striped tie:**
Note: there is **no** option of a plain red tie with this uniform).
- Dark socks – grey or black.
- School uniform jacket.
- Dark coloured, low-heeled shoes.

Scarves must be in the school uniform colours, plain red or green.

Pinafore Uniform

The consultation process found that there was an overwhelming wish to keep the pinafore instead of changing to a skirt. The pinafore uniform is as follows:

- Dark green knee-length pinafore.
- Loreto red cardigan.
- White shirt (long sleeved).
- **Uniform striped tie.**
Note: all students in all years will move to a striped tie, however 2nd years and 3rd years in the school year 2021-2022 may wear the plain red tie with the pinafore uniform until they reach senior cycle should they wish.
- Dark green knee socks or tights.
Note: please buy both so that when the weather changes you are prepared!
- School uniform jacket.
- Dark coloured, low-heeled shoes.
- Scarves must be in the school uniform colours, plain red or green.

P.E. Uniform

The PE uniform is compulsory for all students. Our PE uniform remains the same and is outlined below.

- O’Neills track-suit bottoms with red and green stripe and Loreto crest.
Note: the green tracksuit end is being phased out with only 5th and 6th years in 2021-2022 having the option to wear the green tracksuit ends.
- White O’Neill’s shorts with red & green stripes on the side.
- Plain red polo t-shirt with the school logo.
- Red hoodie with school logo.
- A pair of sports runners.

Students may choose to wear either the pinafore uniform or the trousers uniform. *Students must not mix and match the pinafore uniform with the trouser uniform (i.e. not to swap the jumper with the cardigan). Similarly, items of the school PE uniform cannot be mixed with the pinafore uniform or the trousers uniform (e.g. the red hoodie cannot be worn over the pinafore or trousers).*

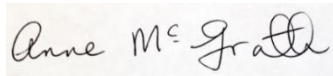
All items of school uniform must be **CLEARLY LABELLED**. We are amazed at the number of times items of uniform are left behind and cannot be returned to the owner because they are not labelled!

All uniform items (except shoes) are available in Uniform World, Ard Gaoithe Business Park, Clonmel. Uniform World take walk-in appointments or you may arrange one in advance by phoning (052) 612 8004 to make an appointment.

In non-COVID times the Pinafore uniform or the trouser uniform will be worn each day. Students change into their PE uniform during the school day if the student has PE.

We would like to thank Ms Niamh O’Dwyer for the work she has undertaken to consult with all the stakeholders and organise “test drives” of the trousers, in order to have a trouser uniform available for our students from the start of the next school year 2021-2022.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Mc Grath,
Principal



Sarah Rice,
Deputy Principal