



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The purpose of having a school uniform is to foster a sense of community and school identity. It equally promotes uniformity of dress standards and consequently reduces peer pressure and enables the school to comply with Health and Safety Regulations. The full uniform includes the Loreto School Crest.

DRESS CODE

- Students are expected to be neat and tidy in dress and appearance.
- Full uniform must be worn going to and from school. Details are provided below.
- If, for any **unavoidable reason or in unforeseen circumstances**, a student is unable to wear the uniform, a note must be presented to the Class Tutor/Year Head stating the reason. The student must then wear the school P.E. uniform for that interval.
- In the interest of **health and safety**:
 - (i) All students must wear dark-coloured, low-heeled shoes (including brown Dubarry shoes).
 - (ii) Jewellery is limited to wearing one small finger ring and small stud earrings.
 - (iii) All ring piercings are forbidden, including (but not limited to) nose rings.
 - (iv) Tongue piercings are forbidden.
 - (v) Hair must be tidy and long hair must be tied back. Hair should be a natural hair colour.
- The use of lipstick, nail varnish, gel nails, false eye lashes or any make-up is strictly forbidden.
- Students must not wear headgear, scarves or any uniform item which is not included in the uniform dress code, unless authorised by the school management.
- Badges or symbols relating to political or interest groups may not be worn without authorisation by school management.

SANCTIONS

- Regular spot checks will be carried out. Any student who is found to be not in the authorised uniform at the time of the spot check and who does not have a satisfactory note of explanation, may receive **demerits** or be required to do **detention**.
- Non uniform items may be **confiscated** and will be retained in the office until the end of term.
- Students in breach of the uniform regulations **forfeit** their right to be considered for, or to continue in, **positions of leadership** within the school (i.e., Student Council, CARA etc.).

NOTE

Students are reminded that failure to report for **detention** is one of the possible grounds for **suspension** and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of the date and time of Detention.

P.E. Uniform

The PE uniform is compulsory for all students.

The PE uniform is as follows:

- O'Neills track-suit bottoms with red and green stripe and Loreto crest.
- Black O'Neill's shorts with red stripes on the side (for PE class only).
- Plain red polo t-shirt with the school logo.
- Red hoodie with school logo.
- A pair of **sports runners**.

Pinafore Uniform

The 2021 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.
- Dark green knee socks or tights.
Note: please buy both so that when the weather changes you are prepared!
- Dark coloured, low-heeled shoes (including brown Dubarry shoes).

Trouser uniform

The 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.
- Dark socks – grey or black.
- Dark coloured, low-heeled shoes (including brown Dubarry shoes)

Common to Pinafore Uniform, Trouser Uniform and PE uniform

- **Compulsory:** school uniform jacket.
- **Optional:** scarf, hat and gloves in the school uniform colours, **plain** red or **plain** green or **plain** black to be worn travelling to and from school, on school trips and outside only during break time and lunch time.
- **Optional:** for colder weather **extra layers** for under the school shirt or PE t-shirt (e.g., base layers, skins, or long-sleeved tops).

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 (e.g., not 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**. All uniform items (except shoes) are available in Uniform World, Ard Gaoithe Business Park, Clonmel.

Other information

A **Reusable Water Bottle** is required by every staff member and student, as single use plastics are banned on the school campus and for school activities.

Note: clearly label reusable bottle, lunch box, every uniform item and all belongings.