



Laurelhill Community College



College Uniform Policy

June 2025

1.0 Rationale

1.1 Uniform is the outward identity of our school and the means by which Laurelhill Community College pupils are distinguished in the wider community. Therefore, it is important that you have pride in your school uniform and wear it smartly, neatly and correctly.

You must wear the full school uniform in school, for all school occasions, when representing the school and on journeys to and from school.

Exceptions to the policy may be made on the grounds of religion, race, medical conditions, or Special Educational Need.

1.2 The Principal's decision on school uniform and appearance is final.

2.0 Uniform Grants

2.1 Information about uniform grants can be found on the Education Authority website using the link below:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school>

3.0 Support with Uniform

3.1 We have some items of uniform available in school. We also have a fund available that may support with the cost of replacing uniform if you are experiencing financial difficulty. Please contact the school office for further information.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Board of Governors

Responsible for approving the college uniform policy.

4.2 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the uniform as outlined in this policy.

4.3 Parents

Parents should support the college in maintaining high standards of uniform.

Parents should send a note to school if their child is not wearing the correct, full uniform.

4.4 Teachers

Teachers should challenge any pupil not wearing their correct school uniform.

5.0 Uniform list:

- Navy Blue Blazer
- Dark grey, tailored trousers / charcoal 4 kick pleat skirt
- White Shirt
- College Tie
- Grey jumper
- Grey/Black Socks / black opaque tights
- Plain black shoes
- Summer Blouse / white open neck summer shirt (permitted April - October)
- School scarf (optional)

Note:

- Hooded tops or school quarter zip are not permitted to be worn with the school uniform
- If on any given day, the weather is very warm, students will be permitted to wear their PE kit to school. The decision on this will be made by the principal and communicated through the SIMs Parents App.
- A branded waterproof coat is available
- The school blazer is a compulsory item of school uniform
- School shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- School ties must be worn at all times (unless a summer blouse or shirt is worn during the summer term).
- Full school uniform must be worn when representing the school.

- All items/articles of clothing must be clearly labelled with the pupil's name
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn with the school uniform
- Only school or charity badges are allowed to be worn on blazer lapels.

6.0 Physical Education Uniform list:

- Nike T-Shirt (Royal Blue)
- Nike Shorts (Royal blue) / Nike leggings (black) / Nike track suit bottoms (navy) / royal blue or black skort
- Nike College quarter zip top (optional)
- Sports Socks
- Track Shoes (non-marking soles)
- Football boots
- Swimming costume / shorts
- Towel required for swimming

Note:

- Pupils should wear their uniform to school and change for PE, unless they have a uniform pass
- Only school kit should be worn for PE

The official supplier of Laurelhill uniform is McCalls, Market Street, Lisburn, also available at www.mccallsoflisburn.com/schoolwear

The Uniform Hub, Trinity Methodist Church have an extensive range of uniform and PE kit.

Non branded items of uniform can be purchased anywhere.

7.0 Jewellery

7.1 The following jewellery is permitted to be worn:

- Small plain rings
- Wrist watch and one fine bracelet
- Plain studs may be worn in the earlobes.
- One small nose stud is permitted.

7.2 Chains or necklaces should not be visible with the school uniform. These must be removed for PE.

7.3 Hooped earrings should not be worn in school.

7.4 Other visible piercings are not permitted in school as this presents as a health and safety issue. Additional piercings should be arranged for the start of holiday time so that they are healed before term begins. Plasters or retainers will be accepted for one week after which they must be removed. You will be asked to remove additional jewellery.

8.0 Make-up/ Nails

8.1 Only minimal makeup is permitted. For health and safety reasons, nail polish, stick on or acrylic nails are not permitted in years 8 – 10 or for pupil who are studying hospitality and or sport.

8.2 Light coloured gel nails are allowed but nails must be short. Pupils who have long nails will be required to wear gloves for practical hospitality classes.

9.0 Hair

9.1 Hair styles should not be extreme or detract from your appearance or the image of the school. The principal's decision on appropriateness of hairstyles will be final.

10.0 Uniform infraction

10.1 Please refer to Positive Behaviour policy.

11.0 Non Uniform Days

11.1 Pupils should ensure that they are dressed appropriately for school on non uniform days and should refrain from wearing low cut or belly tops, high heels, hot pants, football tops/scarves, clothing with metal spikes or pyjamas.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF A PLACE IN LAURELHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUIRES ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY.