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# Nenagh College

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## Uniform Policy

**Mission Statement:** “To educate all students for their personal development and for the good of the community”.

**Vision Statement:** “A supportive and inclusive school, where personal and academic growth is nurtured”.

### **Rationale:**

This Policy is necessary in the interest of hygiene and health.

Uniform is a definite mark of identity, is economical and removes undue pressure, distraction and competitiveness in the school community.

It is the intention at all times, to maintain the integrity of the school uniform. As fashions are constantly changing and students are always imaginative and forward looking in relation to innovations which may breach the spirit, if not the letter of the code, it may be necessary to update the code during the course of the school year.

In such circumstances the Principal (following consultation with Class Director / Year Head, where appropriate) will be the final arbiter of what is acceptable.

### **Nenagh College Uniform Policy is as follows:**

Pupils must be clean and tidy and wear full, correct uniform to school, during school and when returning from school. Full uniform must also be worn on school related activities unless agreed with the teacher who is coordinating the activity.

Hair must be clean and tidy and tied up, if long.

All items of uniform should be labelled with pupil’s name.

Jackets / Hats should be placed in lockers/bags when not in use.

Students are not permitted to wear jackets / hats in class, between classes or at morning break.

Students who fail to wear full, correct uniform may not be admitted to class, or attend school activities on that day. Students must have an explanatory note, countersigned by the relevant Year Head, prior to admission to class. In circumstances where the student does not have an explanatory note, their parent / guardian may be required to collect them from school until they present in full, correct uniform.



## Uniform for Boys and Girls

Navy Pants / Navy skirt is also an option for girls

Navy V – Neck Jumper (School Crest)

White Shirt with Collar – Blue shirt for students of Transition Year / 5<sup>th</sup> year and 6<sup>th</sup> year

School Jacket – all students enrolling in Nenagh College, from September 2018, must wear school jacket only

Black / Dark shoes

One *discreet* pair of earrings – stud only.

### Note:

**No other variation of uniform is permitted.**

### P.E.:

Pupils must have appropriate sportswear for P.E. class

School team sports tops may not be worn during the school day.

### PRACTICAL CLASSES:

Protective clothing and goggles must be worn as instructed.

### IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNIFORM THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED:

- Any body piercing with the exception of one small stud in each ear.
- Neck bands/chains.
- Large rings.

### Clothing:

The following are not permitted:

- T-shirts which are visible under the school shirt.
- T-shirts visible below school jumper.
- Coloured socks.
- Decorative belts.
- Slit in trousers, skirts or frayed hems.

### Hair:

Drawing up and enforcing rules in relation to acceptable hairstyles in a fair and equitable manner is extremely difficult. The following is an attempt to set out rules in a clear and unambiguous way.

- In the interests of hygiene, and for health and safety reasons, students may be asked to tie back their hair
- Shaving (less than blade 2) of full head is not permitted.
- Symbols/designs cut into hair are not allowed e.g. tracking.

### Make-up:

Make-up must be discreetly applied. Over application of eye liner, mascara etc., is not permitted.

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## **Other:**

- Tattoos **must not** be visible.
- Fashion accessories are not permitted e.g. hair decorations, wrist decorations, tooth embellishments, etc.
- Students are not permitted to wear any symbols; badges or memorabilia other than those sanctioned by the Principal for a specific purpose. Breaches of the Uniform Code will result in sanctions. A student not wearing full uniform or in breach of any of the above may not be allowed attend class until he/she complies with the Code.

Periodic uniform inspections will be carried out by the head of each year. In order to avoid sanctions arising from the above and to safeguard each child from any embarrassment, it is vital that Parents / Guardians actively support this policy by ensuring that their Son / Daughter presents for school each day in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

Students who present in school and who are not in full uniform will be subject to detention on the Friday immediately after their transgression.

School Management would exhort Parents / Guardians to support this policy by only giving students notes which outline genuine mitigating circumstances.

School Management would exhort Parents / Guardians to refrain from contacting the school's main office with messages re: uniform. School Journals should be exclusively used for this purpose.

Students who are permitted to leave school at lunch time, may not do so unless they are in full uniform. Failure to comply will result in withdrawal of permission to leave school at lunchtime.

Persistent breaches of the Uniform Code may result in suspension.

**The above does not apply to bracelets and tattoos used for the identification of a medical condition.**

Ratified by a properly convened meeting of Parent Council: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Ratified by a properly convened meeting of Student Council: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Ratified by a properly convened meeting of School Staff: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Ratified by a properly convened meeting of the Board of Management: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Ratified by School Patron: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

