

Uniform Policy

Lusk Community College



Review Dates

Stakeholder	Date	Draft/review/ratified
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Student Council		
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(Chairperson of BOM)

Date _____

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Introduction

Lusk Community College is a co-educational, multi-denominational, community college and opened to First Year students in 2013 by DDLETB (Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board).

Mission Statement

Lusk Community College endeavours to provide an environment of care for each member of the school community. Our values are Respect, Kindness and Responsibility. This vision is central to our philosophy. We aim to integrate the intellectual, moral, physical and emotional development of the individual student. We encourage all students to be respectful and caring of one another. We in turn respect them and endeavour to provide them with an environment where they feel safe and happy.

Rationale

It is the policy of the school that all second level students wear a uniform during school activities. This includes time spent on the school premises both before and after class and during school outings.

The aim of our School Uniform Policy is to ensure that all students of the school are equal and not compelled to compete with the pressures of the consumer society today. The wearing of a uniform prevents competition amongst students in the matter of dress and therefore reduces costs for our parent(s)/guardians(s)

We also strive to set high standards and encourage students to aspire to the pursuit of excellence. This we feel is achieved by a code of dress and appearance, creating an atmosphere which is orderly and disciplined. This code also helps to promote a positive image for the school.

Our school uniform identifies each student as a pupil of Lusk Community College. It is a fundamental aspect of the school identity. It reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school especially when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities and during whole school events.

We expect each student to wear the school uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that, when in uniform, each student represents not just herself/himself but the whole school community. Moreover, it represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of Lusk Community College

Students can clearly be distinguished from intruders and makes the school a safer environment for all

The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Scope

This Policy is a school wide policy, for implementation by all staff, students, parent(s)/guardians(s) and Board of Management.

This policy strives to set out the basic principal upon which the School Uniform Policy will be implemented, sustained and evaluated in our school.

The policy itself has been developed (through a partnership committee representing/in consultation with) the Board of Management, parent(s)/guardians(s) staff and students.

Uniform Details

The official school uniform is as follows:

Student Uniform	Student PE Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tartan skirt or navy trousers• Teal blue crested school jumper (Junior Cycle)• Navy blue crested school jumper (Senior Cycle)• White blouse/shirt with collar• House tie with school crest• Navy socks or navy tights• Full black footwear• Navy crested school jacket• Navy school supplied Covid Pack	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy tracksuit bottoms• Light blue polo t-shirt• School crested tracksuit top

For all students

- The school shirt is white worn by all students with a crested school tie.
- The school jacket is a navy rain jacket with navy fleece lining and includes inner and outer pockets.
- The navy crested school blazer is rented by students but it can be purchased if parent(s)/guardians(s) so wish.
- Black footwear only is allowed. Footwear should be fully black.
- White soled runners are worn for P.E. class only.
- Students must carry on their person, at all times, the navy school supplied Covid Pack containing hand sanitiser and face masks.
- An optional blue crested sports top available from Grants may be purchased as an over garment for PE, team sports and competitions.

Uniform Supplier: T. Grant Uniforms, of Manor Street, Dublin 7.

Jewellery

- Only one small stud earring (4mm) per ear is permitted.
- No nose, lip or other facial/body piercing is allowed. This is due to health and safety.



Rules relating to uniform and appearance

- Coats, jackets and other non-uniform items may not be worn in class, class related activities or in the school building.
- Only the crested school jacket may be worn to and from school.
- Flared, hipster, combat or other trousers are not uniform irrespective of what students may tell their parents/guardians.
- The wearing of a uniform is compulsory in school and at school related activities unless otherwise specified.
- Students travelling to games/activities must wear their full school uniform unless otherwise specified.
- Students are expected to have a neat well-groomed appearance with only items of uniform visible.
- Headphones/earbuds are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school.
- Uniform should be clean and neat at all times.
- Parent(s)/Guardians(s) and Students are advised that back-up items of uniform are advisable. Excuses such as “in the wash”, “lost”, “damaged” etc., will not be accepted.
- Students should have enough items of clothing to allow regular changes for hygiene reasons.
- Where possible, a replacement will be given to students presenting out of uniform. This must be cleaned and pressed before returning to school within 48 hours. If this is not forthcoming the student will be asked to reimburse the school.
- Students may not be admitted to class without full uniform.
- All students must wear the Lusk Community College PE uniform while participating in PE class. The P.E. teacher will be entitled to insist that a student change into school gear if he/ she presents in unsafe / unacceptable gear.
- In the event of a dispute regarding the acceptability of a student’s uniform, the school authority is the arbiter, subject to the Board of Management.

THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSE TO BREACHES OF THE UNIFORM CODE

- If a student presents for school without full uniform he/she has an obligation on to report to their Year Leader before 8.25am.
- If the student has a satisfactory written explanation on from a parent/ guardian they will be permitted to go to their first class (8.30am) as normal. Such written explanation will cover that day only.
- A student who has left an item of their uniform at home may be sent home to get it or their Parent(s)/Guardians(s) may be contacted to bring it in.
 - Any student refusing to wear uniform may be sent home
 - Any departure from this procedure will be deemed to be a breach of the uniform code and will result in disciplinary action in accordance with Lusk Community College's Code of Behaviour policy which is available on the school website.
 - If a student refuses to cooperate with Uniform Policy, they will be sanctioned in accordance with Lusk Community College's Code of Behaviour policy.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Parent(s)/Guardians(s) are responsible for ensuring that their son/daughter is in full uniform each day at school.
- Parent(s)/Guardians(s) are responsible for ensuring that their son/daughters' Covid Pack is fully stocked.
- Students are expected to adhere to full school uniform as outlined in the policy.
- A note from parents/guardian should explain incomplete uniform or explain any deviation from the uniform policy on medical or other exceptional grounds.
- Teachers shall monitor school uniform daily. Any breaches should be communicated by the teacher to the student's parent(s)/guardians(s), Tutor and Year Leader by way of the journal
- Year Leaders will carry out regular uniform checks
- Students who are not in full uniform will be subject to disciplinary action.
- In all cases the school authorities are the judges of acceptable standards of appearances.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once every school year.