



# GLANMIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## GCC School Uniform



We want to ensure that our school is fully focused on students' engagement in learning and supporting their academic progress. We want all of our students to be well presented and uphold high standards in this regard. It is not appropriate for teachers to spend time correcting students for issues of basic compliance with school procedures, such as incomplete/incorrect uniform, wearing of multiple piercings and other items of jewellery or inappropriate use of mobile phones.

Parents and students are asked for your cooperation in ensuring the rules regarding uniform outlined below are observed in full. Our expectations regarding uniform are clear. Please do not put your child in the position where they are not compliant with school rules. This can put unnecessary anxiety and stress on the child.

Parents should note that students who breach these basic requirements on a continuous basis may be sent home in order to provide them with an opportunity to comply with our school uniform policy. Students may also not be allowed to class where they refuse to cooperate with our expectations around uniform, piercings, mobile phones etc.

Teachers or school management will not spend time engaging in discussions around compliance with basic requirements. We would appreciate parents' cooperation in this matter. We want to optimise our time with students who support and comply fully with our procedures and expectations.

All items of uniform can be purchased in McCarthy's Sportsworld, which is located above SuperValu in Glanmire.



Students are required to come to school in full, clean and clearly labelled uniform.  
*[Parents & Guardians are kindly requested to ensure that all uniform items are labelled with your child's name. This will assist us in the prompt return of mislaid or lost items]*

- Navy jacket with school crest. Non school jackets are not allowed\*
- Jumper with school crest
- Shirt and Tie
- Grey Pants. No deviations from school uniform pants. **Strictly no leggings.**
- Skirt and grey tights
- Grey socks
- Black shoes. No logos or coloured soles
- Shellac, Gelish, Acrylic or Nail Extensions are not appropriate for school and therefore are not allowed.
- Fake eye lashes are not permitted
- Uniform tracksuit is compulsory for PE classes. Tracksuit pants must have school crest. Again leggings or alternative track suit ends are not permitted.
- On the day that they have PE, students are allowed to wear their school tracksuit for the full school day. This has been introduced following representations from parents, students and staff. Its continuation will depend on the cooperation of all of us in ensuring the rules regarding uniform and school track suits (outlined above) are observed in full.

#### **\*GCC Uniform – School Fleece**

Parents are asked to note that, in consultation with our GCC Parent and Student Councils, school management has agreed to the addition of an optional black fleece to the uniform set next year. Students will be permitted to wear the fleece and/or the jacket.  
Parents/students will also have the option of having initials on it.



#### **GCC Parents Council Uniform Bank Sale**

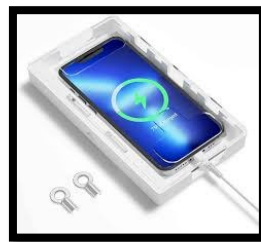
A reminder that the annual GCC Parents Council Uniform Bank Sale will take place on Tuesday 25 June @ 9.30am. Details of collection will be shared with parents via the school website before the end of term. Further information on prices, times and location will be provided on the school website in advance of this date and notification will be sent to parents by text message.



## Mobile Phones

The school's policy on mobile phones is simple and clear. Mobile phones must be turned off and out of sight throughout the school day unless a subject teacher gives a student permission to use the mobile phone in class for a specific learning purpose. Parents are asked to note this also applies during all break times and before school. Students are not allowed to contact parents directly via mobile phone during the school day. If a parent needs to be contacted this should only be done through the school office. Similarly, parents are asked not to contact students in school during the day.

Otherwise, if a student is using a phone inappropriately during the school day, the phone will be placed in a mobile phone lock box [see below] which will be opened at the end of the school day.



Where a student refuses to hand over their phone or repeats the non-cooperation with our mobile phone procedures, the phone will be confiscated and handed to the Deputy Principal, to be returned to the student after school on the following day. Subsequent breaches of our procedures on mobile phones will result in the phone being confiscated for an extended period of time. Where a student is in breach of our policy and refuses to hand over the mobile device, their parent will be contacted and asked to take their child home to discuss the issue. Further refusal to hand over the phone when asked may result in the child being excluded from school.

Parents are also asked to note that it is possible to put time limits on your child's access to social media during the school day. On your child's phone:

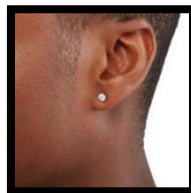
- Go to settings
- Select screen time
- Select App limits
- Select Add Limit
- Select App Categories, for example, social, games etc.
- Set the days and time you wish for the apps to be disabled

We advise that you discuss and agree these steps with your child which will help ensure that they are not distracted during their valuable time in school. Alternatively, we advise parents to source a small tablet or other portable device for students to access their learning programmes in school so that a mobile phone is not needed.



### **Piercings**

Following a request last year from our Student Council Executive, that our rule on piercings be relaxed, the school has agreed to the request from students that they be allowed to wear 2 studs in any part of each ear. As part of this change, students have agreed that hooped earrings and facial piercings etc. are not allowed. Students are not permitted to wear plasters to cover piercings. This change, which will come into effect in September, will be accounted for when our Code of Behaviour is next reviewed.



### **Wheelie Bags**

Please note that in agreement with the GCC Parents Council, students are no longer required to use a wheelie bag. We do encourage you to consider this option, especially for our First Year students, who sometimes can struggle with the weight of school books on their backs. We will fully support students who choose to use wheelie bags while in school.

