



16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents,

The Board of Management of Coláiste Cois Siúire have reviewed and ratified changes to the school's Code of Behaviour. These updates concern students travelling to/from school by motorised/electronically propelled vehicles, and, clarifications regarding the school's uniform policy.

The updated policy document is published on the school website, and, these changes were explained to students at assemblies on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of October last.

I write to you now in relation to the updates to the school uniform policy (Code of Behaviour S.6.3), quoted below:

#### **Visual Appearance of Students**

Excess jewellery will be confiscated immediately and may be reclaimed from the Principal.

- Female students are permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings
- Other visible piercings, e.g. nose-piercings, are not permitted and must be removed upon request
- Male students are not permitted to wear any form of piercings
- Visible tattoos whether permanent or temporary are not permitted and must be covered
- Hair should be a natural colour: dyeing of hair to colours outside of a natural hair colour is not permitted; students may be asked to remain out of school until they achieve compliance with this policy
- Hair should not be of an extreme style, a style that could be considered offensive, or, a style that inhibits the learning of the student concerned or others
- The use of make-up and any other cosmetic products should be minimal

Students who attend school in contravention of the school's expectations around visual appearance are liable to face sanctions up to and including being asked to be collected from, and remain out of, school until such time as compliance is achieved.

**The school will not be liable for any costs associated with achieving compliance with the school's expectations around uniform or visual appearance.**

**In all cases, school management will make a final judgement of what constitutes acceptable standards of appearance. Parents are required to support the school in achieving this endeavour.**

The school understands that, while some of the above policy changes can be implemented immediately, there may be logistical and financial implications in achieving compliance with this policy change, for example, if a professional hair appointment had to be booked. In this regard we are asking parents to set a target of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 (when the school re-opens for term two) for full compliance with all of the above points.

Should you wish to discuss any of the content of this letter with school management, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

School Management