



St Andrew's College Junior School

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

St Andrew's College prides itself on a long history and a reputation for excellence. It is our belief that St Andrew's pupils should be in the correct uniform at all times and during all school activities, this includes time spent on the premises before and after class and for excursions outside of school.

We believe that the wearing of a uniform not only helps promote a positive image for the school, it contributes to the pupil's sense of identity and pride, and creates a positive school culture of responsible and respectful pupils.

SACJS Uniform Policy Aims

- Provide clear and consistent guidelines for all stakeholders.
- Create an ethos in which the wearing of correct school uniform is recognised as the norm and seen to be valued and upheld by the school.
- Promote a sense of identity and pride for the individual and community, and a positive school culture of responsible and respectful pupils.

Uniform Details

We request that all parents support us in providing the correct uniform for their child and maintaining a smart, presentable and well-fitting school uniform for the academic year. We recommend that all uniform items are clearly named to avoid accidental loss and subsequent infringement of the guidelines.

All of the below uniform items can be obtained from Uniformity (<https://www.uniformity.ie>) and we recommend this supplier above all other high street retailers. Further information on St Andrew's uniform can be obtained here - <https://www.uniformity.ie/c/st-andrews-junior-school/259>

Boys K1 – P6

Daily regular uniform

St Andrew's Junior school blazer, dark grey trousers, regular white cotton shirt with collar (tucked in), grey pullover (optional in colder weather). School tie, grey socks, black leather shoes. In autumn and spring months pupils are requested to wear the school's navy crested jacket and in winter month pupils have the option to wear a warmer, plain navy coat of their choice. Pupils are able to bring a school bag/backpack and pencil case also of their choice.

Sports uniform for scheduled PE/Games lessons

St Andrew's school crested hoody, crew neck t-shirt with crest, tracksuit bottoms, white socks, plain white or black trainers (with non-marking soles). Mouth guard and shin pads, as needed. Undergarments for cold weather must be white.

Additional sports uniform (used for competitive matches P4 – P6 only)

St Andrew's school rugby/hockey jersey and blue shorts with crest. St Andrew's school sports socks. Black or white trainers, and football/rugby/hockey boots as needed (any colour acceptable). Pupils are recommended to use the St Andrew's Junior kitbag if attending outside sporting events where they are required to change.

Girls K1 – P6

Daily regular uniform

St Andrew's Junior school blazer, dark grey knee length skirt or dark grey trousers, regular white cotton shirt with collar (tucked in), gray pullover or cardigan (optional in colder weather). In autumn and spring months pupils are requested to wear the school's navy crested jacket and in winter month pupils have the option to wear a warmer, plain navy coat of their choice. School tie, grey or navy tights or socks, black leather shoes (no boots). Pupils are able to bring a school bag/backpack and pencil case of their choice.

Sports uniform for scheduled PE/Games lessons

St Andrew's school hoody with crest, crew neck t-shirt with crest, tracksuit bottoms, white socks, plain white or black trainers (with non-marking soles). Mouth guard and shin pads, as needed. Undergarments for cold weather must be white.

Additional sports uniform (used for competitive matches P4 – P6 only)

St Andrew's school rugby/hockey ladies top and blue skirt with crest. St Andrew's school sports socks. Black or white trainers, and football/rugby/hockey boots as needed (any colour acceptable). Pupils are recommended to use the St Andrew's Junior kitbag if attending outside sporting events where they are required to change.

Additional notes:

Extra-curricular sports program

St Andrew's Junior school offers a range of extra-curricular sports from 3 – 4pm daily (M, T, Th, F) and 1 – 2pm (W). Pupils in K1 – P2 are permitted to wear their sports uniform on any of the days that they are taking

part in extra-curricular sports, whereas pupils P3 –P6 are requested to wear their daily regular uniform and bring in their sports uniform to get changed during school time. P3 – P6 pupils will get changed in supervised, single sex classrooms, or in the College’s changing rooms.

Jewellery, hair & make up

For health and safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed except for simple watches and stud earrings. Shoulder length hair should always be tied back and especially for sports. Pupils are discouraged from having brightly coloured, or shaved hair styles. Make up, nail polish and semi-permanent tattoos are not permitted in school.

School trips

For all school trips during the school day, or for special evening events where pupils are representing the school, full uniform must be worn. If PE is scheduled for the same day as the trip, pupils must bring their sports uniform in their school bag to change into when they return.

Competitive sports

For all sporting tournaments and competitive matches, children must wear the ‘additional sports uniform’. If children are invited to spectate and support their peers at tournaments or matches, the full uniform is expected.

Amendments for weather

In the advent of very cold, or very hot weather, the school will make a decision as to whether any amendments to the normal full school uniform are required and parents will be advised if and when it is deemed necessary.

Lost property

The Junior School keeps all lost property in the Junior School reception. Named items will be returned to classes periodically through the term. At Christmas, and June all un-collected items will be donated to the PTA for the uniform sale. Parents are encouraged to check the lost property cupboard on a regular basis and any uniform items that are lost in the shared Senior School facilities (ie. The Dining Hall and pitches) will be returned if named.

PTA uniform sale

The PTA hosts a used uniform sale three times an academic year and this is an opportunity to pick up second hand uniform items.

Addressing Uniform Concerns

Parents and pupils are requested to adhere to the school’s uniform policy and guidelines on a daily basis. If pupils are not able to comply with the guidelines for any reason (for example, lost items or outgrown shoes),

parents are requested to send a note to the class teacher explaining the reason for the non-compliance and a reasonable length of time a child will not be in the correct uniform.

In the event of an unexplained breach of the Uniform Policy, a member of the teaching staff will have a discrete discussion with the pupil in the first instance. In the event of persistent or overt breaches of the policy, parents will be contacted by the class teacher and, if deemed necessary, the Junior School Principal will be advised for further monitoring and/or follow up.