

Saint Conor's College School Uniform Policy



Students at Saint Conor's College are ambassadors of the college and are expected to wear their uniform with pride and behave in a way that reflects our high standards. School uniform is important as it promotes a sense of school identity and belonging.

'The school uniform can play a valuable role by: setting an appropriate tone; instilling pride; supporting positive behaviour and discipline; encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos; ensuring pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protecting children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and, nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils.' Department of Education (2011) Circular 2011/04 - Guidance to schools on school uniform policy (revised 5 June 2018)

In Saint Conor's College we believe that adherence to school uniform rules promotes health and safety. Students are expected to keep long hair safely tied back for work in practical classes. Similarly, we have rules regarding jewellery as non-compliance may pose a risk of injury. School uniform creates equality in the school and protects pupils from the pressure to conform to fashion trends. Having a uniform policy also prepares pupils for the expectations that will be placed upon them in the world of work.



Saint Conor's College Uniform

Girls	Boys
Navy Blazer with School Crest	Navy Blazer with School Crest
Navy Skirt (knee length)	Navy Trousers
Navy Jumper	Navy Jumper
Blue Shirt (KS3)	Blue Shirt
Blue Blouse (KS4)	
School Tie KS3 (Clip-on)	School Tie (Clip-on)
Black Shoes (No Trainers)	Black Shoes (No Trainers)
Navy Tights/Socks	Navy/black socks
Navy Waterproof (Optional)	Navy Waterproof (Optional)

**Year 13 students wear white blouses or shirts.*

Uniform Regulations

- Full school uniform must be worn at all times.
- Shirts must be worn inside skirts and trousers.
- Trainers are not considered acceptable footwear and should only be worn in PE.
- Blazers are an essential part of the uniform and should be worn at all times outside the classroom.
- Students may wear a wristwatch, and girls may wear one pair of small stud earrings in earlobes only. No other jewellery may be worn; this includes bracelets, nose, eyebrow, mouth and other body piercings.
- Hair should be of a natural colour and worn in styles deemed appropriate for school. Shaved hairstyles (no shorter than a number 2) or stripes/patterns cut into hair are not permitted.
- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times.
- Make-up, including nail polish, gel polish and fake tan is not permitted.
- Hoodies of any description are not permitted.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Principal has overall responsibility for school uniform. The Board of Governors provide support by reviewing school uniform.

The Principal will:

- Set high expectations of uniform standards
- Monitor school uniform.
- Liaise with the Board of Governors in relation to school uniform.
- Implement strategies to address issues that arise.

The Pastoral Team will:

- Meet regularly to discuss school uniform.
- Address any issues in relation to school uniform and agree sanctions for students who do not adhere to uniform regulations.

Reward students who consistently adhere to school uniform regulations.

- Inform the Senior Leadership Team and Principal of school uniform issues.
- Notify parents of pupil who do not meet school uniform expectations,
- Investigate ways in which school can help support families struggling to meet the costs of school uniform.
- Implement strategies to ensure pupils meet the uniform standards.
- Seek pupil voice in the development of uniform choice.

Parent/Carer will:

- Ensure their child follows the school uniform policy.
- Ensure their child does not get facial piercings during term time.
- Ensure their child's name is clearly marked on all items of uniform.
- Inform school of the reason for a pupil's inability to wear full school uniform.
- Ensure their child attends all examinations wearing full school uniform.

The Pupil will:

- Wear full school uniform.
- Follow the school uniform policy.
- Communicate any concerns, regarding uniform, to their form tutor or school council representative.

Non-compliance with School Uniform Policy

Where a pupil is not adhering to the School Uniform Policy, the Pastoral Team will make discreet enquiries as to why this is the case.

- Depending on the infringement a range of sanctions or strategies will be put in place by the Pastoral Team.
- If a pupil arrives in school wearing a non-compliant piercing, this must be removed and placed into an envelope until the end of the school day.

Consideration may be given by the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Governors to requests for exceptions to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religious beliefs, a medical condition, or to prohibit unlawful discrimination and protect the rights of individuals in various areas including human rights, race, sex and disability.

The school reserves the right in all cases to make a final judgement regarding acceptable standards of uniform and presentation.

School and PE Uniform Stockists:

- **Sportique**, 7 Rainey Street, Magherafelt
- **Couples Boutique**, 4-10 Railway Road, Coleraine