

## ***St. Anthony's Special School***

### **School Uniform Policy**

#### **Version History**

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**Aim of Policy: To clarify what uniform should be worn**

## **Introduction:**

St. Anthony's School Uniform policy supports children to be well-presented at all times while also ensuring uniform costs are kept to a minimum for parents. Our school uniform policy reflects recent initiatives by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to promote cost-cutting for parents regarding school uniforms. In line with DES guidelines, our school uniform includes generic rather than branded clothing.

## **Aim:**

The aim of this policy is to clarify what uniform should be worn and when.

## **School Uniform**

St. Anthony's School has always valued the importance of a school uniform. It enhances every child's association with the school and provides our students with a strong sense of identity and belonging.

- Every student attending St. Anthony's Special School should wear
- the school fleece (ordered through the office)
- Sky blue polo t-shirt
- dark/navy tracksuit bottoms
- Option of dressing up for special occasions i.e. halloween, St. Patricks day ( dress up appropriately with discussion with Class teacher)
- Comfortable non slip footwear
- On PE day wear uniform as above with comfortable runners (non slip sole)
- During spells of hot weather appropriate clothes like lighter tracksuit, modest shorts can be worn following discussion with Class Teacher

## **Where can I purchase the school uniform?**

- The school fleece can be ordered by contacting the school office on 094 90 22661
- T-shirt & tracksuit bottoms can be purchased from any local shop or for e.g Dunnes, Tesco, Shaws, Marks & Spencers, Next

## **Please Note the following guidelines:**

- The highest standard of personal appearance will be expected at all times
- The school will expect that all children's uniforms will be clean and tidy at all times. Students will be expected to wear school uniform everyday and encourage parents to have uniform washed at the weekend so that the children are not without their uniforms during the week
- All torn items should be repaired or replaced as soon as possible
- The school hopes that all students representing the school at special events, extra curricular events or awards ceremonies will wear the school uniform
- Hair should be neat and tidy
- Jewellery- simple stud earrings permitted but dangling/long or looped earrings are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons
- Regular watches permitted but smart watches only at permission of class teacher ( school not responsible for their safety/loss or damage)
- Bracelets not permitted for Health & Safety reasons
- Children should have names clearly marked on all their uniforms, coats and personal belongings

## **Rationale and Values underlying the Uniform Policy:**

- Establish an identity
- Equality
- Encourage good dress code
- Setting standards for future life

## **Desired Outcomes of Uniform Policy:**

- Sense of belonging created
- Sense of equality increased
- Standardisation of the dress code
- Neat and tidy appearance of all students
- Cost effective for parents

## **Roles and Responsibilities:**

### **Pupils and Parents:**

- The correct uniform is worn at all times
- Pupils should be neat and tidy in their appearance
- All items belonging to a pupil should be clearly labelled

### **School Staff:**

- Teachers will monitor school uniforms regularly
- Uniform checks by Principal/Deputy Principal from time to time
- Deviation from the school uniform may merit a note from the class teacher


## **Review:**

Please note the policy will be reviewed every 3-4yrs

## **Ratification:**

Signed:   
**Chairperson Of BOM**

Date: 10/03/2025

Signed:   
**Principal**

Date: 10/3/25



# School Uniform Policy 2025-2026

St. Anthony's School asks each child to wear our school uniform. This is very beneficial to the children, and it is important that every effort is made to ensure your child is wearing our full uniform as it encourages children to develop a sense of responsibility and belonging.

## School Uniform:

- Blue fleece hoodie
- Navy/dark tracksuit bottoms
- Sky blue polo t-shirt
- Comfortable non slip footwear/runners
- Jacket for cold/wet weather

**School requests that all uniforms, personal belongings be marked with child's name**

## Special Occasions:

Children may wear appropriate clothes for special events or occasions in school i.e. halloween costumes

## Jewellery/Watches/Glasses

- Simple stud earrings- dangling/long/looped earrings , bracelets and necklaces are prohibited in school for Health & Safety reasons
- Regular watches are permitted but smart watches or the likes are not permitted and must be left at home unless requested by an individual class teacher for specific class work.
- Children with glasses should bring storage case to school so they can be stored safely and securely

## Hair:

- Boys and girls are asked to keep their hair neat and tidy. Long hair may need to be tied back in the interest of hygiene and Health & safety for Home-Economics & Woodwork classes

## Ratification:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson BOM

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

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