



# St. Nathy's College

## Uniform Policy

### Introduction

The school uniform promotes a sense of belonging to the school community and is a visual symbol of St. Nathy's College. It is essential that students maintain a high standard of personal appearance when wearing the school uniform. Students are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the standards of the College at all times and especially when wearing the school uniform.

Students are encouraged to take pride in the College, its traditions and values, and proudly wearing the school uniform is an integral part of the ethos of St. Nathy's College.

All students wear the school uniform during the school day, when participating in a school organised event inside or outside of school and during the State exams.

### Hair Styles

Hair style and jewellery should be appropriate. Hairstyles must conform to good grooming and must look neat and natural in style. When engaged in Art, Home Economics, Wood Technology/Construction, Engineering, Science, PE and any other practical/sporting activities, long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. Hair colour must be a natural shade.

### Jewellery

The wearing of earrings should be confined to studs only. No other piercings are permissible. Therefore, nose studs must be removed and replaced with a clear plastic retainer. The wearing of excessive make up is not permitted and neck chains must be worn inside the shirt for safety reasons.

### College Uniform

**Boys' Junior Cycle Uniform:** navy blue trousers, light grey shirt, blue crested jumper, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and navy crested school jacket.

**Boys' Senior Cycle Uniform:** navy blue trousers, light grey shirt, teal colour crested jumper, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and navy crested school jacket.

**Girls' Junior Cycle Uniform:** knee length school kilt/navy blue trousers, blue crested jumper, light grey shirt, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and a navy crested school jacket. Black tights must be worn with the school kilt.

**Girls' Senior Cycle Uniform:** knee length school kilt/navy blue trousers, teal colour crested jumper, light grey shirt, fully black footwear with black laces, black/navy socks and a navy school crested jacket. Black tights must be worn with the school kilt.

## **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear must be fully black with black laces.

## **Head Dress**

Head dress is permissible where deemed appropriate. The hijab worn by students must be plain navy in colour and of shoulder length.

## **School Jacket**

A crested College jacket is compulsory. No other jackets and/or hoodies are permitted to be worn inside the school building or on the school premises. During the winter months and in extremely cold weather students are encouraged to wear an extra base layer.

## **PE Uniform**

The PE uniform consists of a crested school t-shirt, a crested half-zip top and crested black bottoms. Students bring this clothing with them to school in a suitable bag.

## **The Role of Parents**

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child presents at school each day with the full College uniform. The uniform should be clean and in good repair. Appropriate protective clothing must be worn during Art, Home Economics and Science practical classes. Persistent disregard for the rules governing uniform and appearance will be deemed a breach of the Code of Behaviour.

## **Implementation and Review**

The Uniform Policy takes account of the very important role of parents and depends on their co-operation in its implementation.

## **Ratification and Communication**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The policy shall be reviewed every three years. Copies of the policy will be circulated and communicated to all students, parents/guardians and members of the staff. A copy will be printed annually in the Student Diary and will be available on the school website.

**Signed:**



**Chairperson, Board of Management**

**Date: September 2024**

**Next Review September 2027**