



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

Uniform Policy

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This policy is guided by the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

At St. Anthony's we expect high standards of personal appearance and all students to wear school uniform to and from school, during the school day and when participating in school-organised events.

Environmental Consideration and Support for Families with Purchasing Uniform

Our school recognises we have a role to play as stewards of the planet in being proactive in our responsibility to protect the environment. We have a longstanding uniform bank scheme which is supported by our families and local charities so that we can promote the upcycling of school uniform and also help families reduce uniform costings. We are also here to support our students and their families. If any parent/carer would like to access our uniform bank in order to reduce the environmental impact of purchasing new uniform OR requires support with uniform for their child please don't hesitate to get in touch with us either by telephoning school or emailing Mrs Collins, Senior Assistant Headteacher for further information and in the strictest of confidence:

enquiries@staga.co.uk

Inclusive Community

We are a loving inclusive Catholic community and welcome to our school students from all faiths and cultures. We fully support students where they adapt our school uniform in light of their religious beliefs and respectfully ask that wherever possible the school colour of navy is used and for safeguarding purposes the student's face to be clearly visible.

Expectations

- Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a wrist watch (smart watches are not permitted).
- Piercings of any kind are not permitted. Covering piercings or using a clear plastic retainer is not permitted.
- Hair must be neat. If long, it must be tied back off the face in a ponytail, plait or bun. Braided hair must also be tied back off the face.
- Unnatural colouring of hair including braided hair/streaking of hair/hair extensions or extreme haircuts are also not permitted.
- Make-up (including nail varnish or false, gel or acrylic nails) may not be worn. False tan is not permitted. The Headteacher's decision regarding suitable uniform and whether or not expectations have been met is final. Students who do not adhere to the uniform policy may be put into isolation until the issues are resolved or parents may be contacted to collect their child and take them away to rectify the situation and return them to school.

The Uniform

Please see accompanying photographs of formal school trousers.

- A designated St. Anthony's blazer (navy with green braid and Academy crest) with the relevant coloured braid for the Year Group and House braid. Blazers must be worn at all times unless permission has been given by a member of staff.
- A designated St. Anthony's jumper- navy v-necked jumper with green and white trim.
- A plain white shirt with a reverse collar which is tucked in at all times. No visible top/shirt to be worn under the shirt.

- A designated St. Anthony's skirt (navy pleated and to be worn at knee length skirt with a distinct waistband) OR Formal school trousers* (navy). Fashion trousers are not permitted this includes cropped, skinny fit, leggings, lycra, bootleg style, informal style trousers.
- Navy or black opaque tights. Navy or black ankle socks may be worn by KS3 pupils.
- Navy or black outdoor coat.
- Outdoor coats must be taken off upon entry to the school building. Extreme fashion jackets, denim jackets and leather/ leather look jackets are not permitted.
- Black or navy formal school shoes. Trainers or boots are not permitted.
- All students must have a suitable school bag which has sufficient space for their books, planner, text books and files.
- In cold weather, a plain black or navy scarf or an official St. Anthony's scarf may be worn but it must be removed before entering the building.

P.E. Uniform

Compulsory items:

These items must not contain logos, unless the St Anthony's branded (optional) PE kit is purchased from our suppliers, Total Sport NE Ltd.

- Navy blue breathable 'T' shirt or polo shirt.
- Navy blue sports tight fitting leggings, joggers or tracksuit bottoms.
- Navy blue hooded top sweatshirt, zip up top or fleece.
- Training shoes with laces. Trainers must be appropriate with adequate support. **Converse/fashion trainers are not suitable.**

Optional items:

- Navy blue shorts.
- Navy blue football socks.

Uniform Suppliers:

School Uniform can be purchased from: The School Outfit:

<https://theschooloutfit.co.uk/collections/secondary>

- Blazer branded with St Anthony's braid and badge.
- V neck branded navy knitted jumper
- St Anthony's pleated skirt

Other uniform items such as blouses, tights, formal black shoes and bag can be purchased from high street retailers such as Asda, Sainsbury's, Primark and Marks and Spencer.

Our optional branded PE Kit can be purchased from Total Sport – North East Limited, SR1 2JD

All items can be purchased from any high street retailer.

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Optional items:

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The following local charities also run a uniform exchange service:

Community School Clothing Scheme. 14 Fawcett Street, Sunderland. SR1 1SE.

Telephone. 07305846094.

Opening hours. Monday to Friday. 9am – 1pm.

**An example of appropriate formal tailored school trousers:*



Please be advised: Pupils are expected to follow our uniform policy and not wear or bring into schools items outside of this policy. School is not responsible for your child's belongings. Please make every effort to ensure that uniform is labelled, so if it is lost our lost property can return it to its owner. Thank you.