



Uniform Policy
Swords Community College
2025

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Signed: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: _____

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Principal (Secretary to Board)

Date: _____

Swords Community College

In Swords Community college we aim to provide a secure and caring environment which promotes effort, achievement and the enjoyment of learning, where students develop self-esteem, responsibility and self-management skills in an atmosphere of respect and mutual support. This policy is underpinned by the our core values of Respect, Resilience, Excellence and Teamwork and applies to all students attending Swords Community College.

Rationale:

- It is important to us that our students are able to express their individuality, personality, skills, talents and ability in who they are as young people. Our school uniform gives them an equal platform to do this, where everyone is the same but different in their own way.
- Our school uniform is a huge part of our identity as a community of learners. The students of Swords Community College wear their uniform with pride and honour. Therefore, students wearing our uniform should always be conscious that they represent the entire school community, and as such, their conduct, attitude and manners should reflect our school principles and values.
- Parents/guardians are expected to show their support for Swords Community College by ensuring that their child has their full school uniform every day.
- It is the policy of the school that all students wear the Swords Community College uniform for school activities - this includes time spent on the premises before and after class, to and from school.
- Non-school jackets are not permitted and if a student wears or brings a non-school jacket into Swords Community College the jacket will be confiscated and held in the main office until the end of the day.

The current school uniform for Swords Community College, which is compulsory for all students attending our school, is as follows:

Girls' School Uniform	Boys' School Uniform
Navy school jacket	Navy school jacket
Blue crested jumper for 1 st - 3 rd year	Blue crested jumper for 1 st -3 rd year
Navy crested jumper 4 th - 6 th year	Navy crested jumper 4 th -6 th year
White shirt/blouse	White shirts
Tartan kilt skirt with navy knee socks or tights	Grey trousers
Grey trousers	
Plain all black footwear with black soles, no logos or branding of any kind. No converse or Dr Maarten boots of any kind allowed.	Plain all black footwear with black soles, no logos or branding of any kind. No converse of any kind allowed.
PE Attire	PE Attire
Runners (Converse runners are not acceptable)	Runners (Converse runners are not acceptable)
School crested hoodie	School crested hoodie
Navy school tracksuit bottoms/leggings	Navy school tracksuit bottoms
School t-shirt and/or blue/white polo shirt	School t-shirt and/or blue/white polo shirt

Non binary, transitioning or transgender students are welcome to wear the uniform which aligns with their gender.

Uniform Supplier:

Pat O' Farrell's School wear in Swords supplies our official School Uniform, following tender in December 2021. It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure that each item of their son/daughter's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. A permanent marker should be used. Students are responsible for their own property.

Uniform Code:

- School uniform will be checked on a regular basis and set out below are the rules governing the wearing of the uniform

- All students are required to wear the full school uniform to and from and during school every day. This includes the correct school footwear and official school jacket. Students should always be aware that they represent our school when wearing the school uniform (even outside of normal school hours)
- School skirts should be worn at or below the knee and should not be rolled up. Students who roll up their skirt will be asked to return the skirt to its normal length.
- Students should always uphold high standards of personal hygiene. Arriving at school in a clean and neat uniform is a key part of this expectation.
- All students are required to wear the full school uniform when representing the school on school trips/activities. Teachers organising trips will determine which uniform – PE or formal, is to be worn in accordance with the chosen activity. This aligns with the School’s ‘Educational Tours and School Trips Policy.’
- If there is a problem with footwear, a note from home must be brought to school to explain the issue and when proper footwear will be worn.
- During colder weather non-school jackets are not permitted but additional layers under the school jacket are permitted. Additional layers refer to school uniform items and/or base layer clothing under the school uniform. They do not include non-uniform items.

How students are expected to present themselves to school each day:

- Students must come to school prepared for learning and teaching and should present themselves in an appropriate way for school. This is outlined below.
- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum – a single or pair of ear studs, no nose piercings and one ring permitted. Body piercing, other than earrings, is not permitted for health and safety reasons.
- In general, makeup is discouraged, however if a student wears makeup it must be discreet and a student may be asked to limit the amount of makeup worn.
- Extreme hair styles affect the image of students and the school, as a result they are forbidden. Banned styles include but are not limited to:
 - shaved styles that include patterns;
 - hair braided with another colour, etc;
 - hair must be a natural colour and cannot have dyed or highlighted sections;

- The wearing of acrylic nails, gel overlays or fake nails in school is not allowed.
- False eyelashes are not allowed.
- PE uniform only to be worn on PE days and for Leaving Cert PE as determined by the PE teacher.
- Hats are not permitted in class

Sanctions:

- Failure to comply with the Uniform Policy will be dealt with under the Uniform Policy and Code of Positive Behaviour.
- Parents of students in 1st – 3rd Year who are in breach of the school uniform policy will be contacted and asked to collect their child to change at home or to drop the correct uniform to the school for their child to change into.
- Senior Cycle students will be sent home to change into the correct uniform if they are in breach of school uniform policy
- Students are expected to wear full uniform and not PE uniform for November/Summer exams and State Exams
- It is expected that all students comply fully with our Uniform Policy. If there is an *isolated* incident where a student is unable to wear part of the correct uniform, parents/guardians must write an explanatory note in the notes section of the student’s journal, however this should not be for long periods of time. The student must present this note to his/her Tutor/Year Head.
- In Swords Community College we are very proud of the support we have from the parents/guardians of our students. We appreciate their ongoing support as we continue the work of providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students. This Uniform Policy is a part of what we do in school to create this learning environment.

Declaration:

I/We have read and understand the Uniform Policy and Uniform Code. I/We will follow all of the above conditions and agree to comply with the Uniform Policy and Uniform Code.

Student Signature: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)Signature _____