

SLIGO GRAMMAR SCHOOL



SGS Uniform Policy

February 2025

1. Introduction

Sligo Grammar School has a proud tradition of its students wearing the correct school uniform and being of smart appearance. This epitomises the pride our students have in their school and reflects the support for the school from our parent body. We want all our students to observe this dress code at all times, conscious that every time they wear the uniform that they are representing the school.

2. Correct School Uniform

For boys: school jacket and/or school fleece, grey trousers, grey school jumper, white shirt, black shoes, grey socks and school tie.

For girls: school jacket and/or school fleece, navy school skirt or school trousers, plain opaque eighty denier navy tights, black shoes, navy school jumper, white shirt and school tie.

3. Wearing of the School Uniform

- Neat and tidy dress is expected. Uniforms should be clean, un-creased, in good repair and fit correctly.
- All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- Only a school jacket or school fleece may be worn by students when travelling to/from school.
- Only a school jacket or school fleece may be worn by students when on a school outing.
- Formal school uniform must be worn travelling on all official outings.
- Formal school uniform or school tracksuits must be worn when travelling to/from matches or on school trips.
- Good personal hygiene is important.
- The school tie must be worn properly, and the top buttons must be closed.
- Runners/sports shoes are not acceptable.
- Skirts should be just above the knee. If in doubt, students should place their palm horizontally flat against their leg with the little finger resting along the top of

the knee bone. There should be no gap between thumb and skirt. Trousers should be official school trousers.

- Boarders may wear neat casuals after school and on Saturdays and Sundays.

4. Hair, Make-up and Accessories

- Girls must not wear make-up (save for a light foundation) when in uniform.
- Hooped earrings are not permitted on health and safety grounds.
- Students' hair must be neat and of a natural hair colouring.
- Students may wear single 'stud' earrings.
- Permitted hair styles are at the discretion of the school.
- Facial piercings/visible body piercings, tattoos, chokers, necklaces, bracelets etc. are not allowed.
- Only school badges or fundraising badges approved by the school are acceptable.
- Non-uniform items may be confiscated and retained for collection by the parents/guardians at the end of the term, or by arrangement with the Deputy Principal.
- Students may for specific reasons (e.g. religious, medical) request additions to the uniform. Individual requests should be presented to the Headmaster. Please note that facial covering is not permitted, and the basic school uniform must be worn at all times. All additional items must be in school colours as agreed by the Headmaster.

5. The Uniform Policy will be strictly adhered to

- Pupils not dressed in full school uniform will receive a uniform warning and this will also be recorded by the teacher on VSware.
- Serious breaches of school uniform policy will result in a pupil being sent home until such times as the standard of appearance is deemed appropriate.

School Jacket or School Fleece

- Inappropriate uniform will not be permitted to be worn to and from or in school.
- Items of non-uniform (such as non-uniform coats/jackets/hoodies) will be confiscated from the student on entering the school premises.

First offence: non-uniform jacket will be returned to the student with a warning.
Second offence: non-uniform jacket will be retained for collection by a parent.
Repeated offences: the student will be refused entry to school.

Incorrect School Uniform

First offence: noted on VShare
Second offence: noted on VShare and one school detention.
Third offence: noted on VShare and two school detentions.
Repeated offences: suspension until meeting with parents/guardians and school uniform policy is adhered to.

The school reserves the right to decide whether:

- a. students are wearing the regulation uniform.
- b. students are wearing the regulation uniform in an appropriate manner.
- c. any item deemed inappropriate is liable to sanctions.

6. Teacher Procedure for Implementation of the Uniform Policy

- We aim for all staff to be fully involved in the administration of this policy.
- We aim to maintain a high standard of appearance within the school.
- We aim to provide equity and consistency in the implementation of this policy.

School Jacket or Fleece

- Remove incorrect jacket/fleece/hoodie from the student and forward it to the Deputy Principal – the teacher enters the information on VShare.

Incorrect Uniform

- Inform student of inappropriate uniform – enter on VShare.
- The above does not hinder subject teachers implementing their own classroom discipline policy for breaches of uniform policy.

Review History

Policy reviewed and approved by the Board of Management:

August 2024
March 2018
May 2017
November 2015
November 2013

Signed _____ Liz Greer _____ Date _____ 10th Feb 2025 _____

On behalf of the Board of Management

Signed _____ Michael Hall _____ Date _____ 10th Feb 2025 _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Due for next review: _____