

Uniform Policy

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This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current guidance.

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This Uniform Policy applies to all pupils attending Swanwick School and Sports College.

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school or attending school organised events if appropriate.

The first set of uniform is provided for free when a pupil starts at SSSC. This uniform consists of either a blue or pink polo shirt, blue hoody and PE T-shirt and Shorts. It is then suggested that pupils wear black or blue school trousers / skirt / leggings or jogging bottoms with school shoes or trainers. No high heels are permitted.

Aims and objectives:

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Is practical.
- Identifies the pupils with the school.
- Prevents pupils from coming in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Promotes equality among peers.

Dress code:

- Pupils are not permitted to wear hats, coats, caps, scarves or gloves in lesson times.
- If pupils are going outside at break and lunch times then coats, scarves and gloves weather permitting.
- Black shoes or black trainers.
- Black trousers or plain black/ blue jogging bottoms.
- Black loose fitted skirt that falls at knee height and black leggings for females.
- Blue sweatshirt with either the school logo or plain design.
- Blue / Pink polo shirt with either the school logo or plain design.
- Trainers, shorts or jogging bottoms, t-shirts for physical education.
- Where adventurous activities are being undertaken the pupils will dress according to the needs of the activity.
- Specific lessons require the need to wear the correct PPE or clothing for Health and Safety reasons.

Jewellery Policy:

The primary driver at SSSC regarding the wearing of jewellery is Health and Safety. Jewellery is permitted at the school within the following parameters.

- Pupils should not wear neck chains or necklaces.
- One watch worn on the wrist.
- One pair of stud earrings.

In order to ensure the safety of all young people at the SSSC pupils are required to remove jewellery and piercings before any physical activity. All jewellery must be removed for certain vocational lessons due to hygiene and health and safety.

Alternative provision students are advised to wear clothing that is suitable for their working environment. E.g. Construction: steel toe capped boots, overalls, ear defenders. SSSC / Providers will issue them on show round/induction where appropriate.

Make up:

SSSC believes in promoting confident young people that are comfortable in their own bodies. As a school we understand and appreciate the positive benefits of a small amount of make-up to support a young person's confidence.

Any make up should be minimal and natural looking in its appearance.

Hair Dye: - SSSC understands that pupils may want to express themselves by experimenting with hair dye. SSSC allows natural looking hair dye / highlights or lowlights.

Sanctions

If a pupil makes the decision not to comply with the school's policy the following sanctions may apply:

- Pupils will be asked to remove excessive make up / jewellery.
- Pupils will not access physical activities
- Continued refusal to comply with the policy will result in a letter to parents / carers requesting a meeting to discuss the issue.
- Pupils will not be allowed to engage in practical activities.