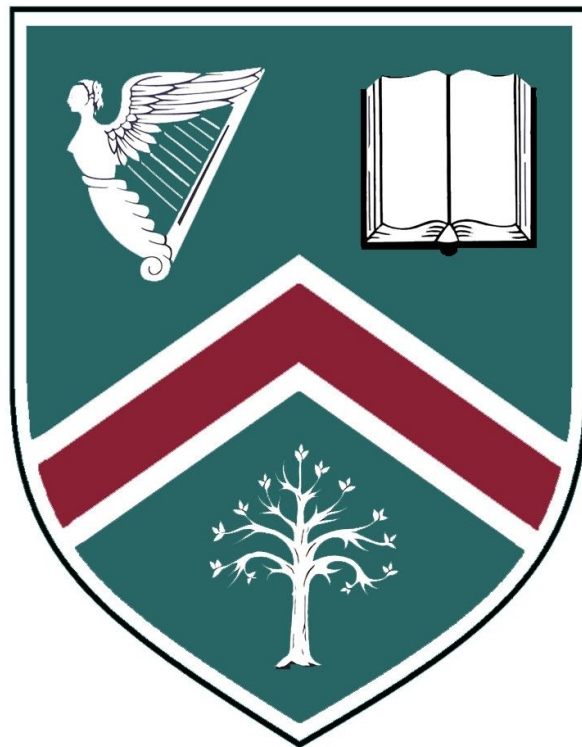


STRATHEARN SCHOOL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

2011-12



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Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the unique character of a school. It can instil pride and encourage identity with, and support for, our school ethos. Though uniform can seem expensive, it is sensible, practical and, with care, can last for some time. A uniform list with details of suppliers is issued to parents each academic year. For safekeeping it is essential that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly marked with the owner's name.

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT UNIFORM LIST 2011 – 12

The pupils of Strathearn are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. This is an important part of our school identity and reflects a respect for both self and school.

Official Stockists of School Uniform

Gowdys	Warnocks Ltd	Alan Espey	School Days
121 - 131 Woodstock Road Belfast Tel: 028 9045 9052	791-793 Lisburn Rd Belfast Tel: 028 9038 1828	33 High Street Newtownards Tel: 028 9181 4789	16 Hollywood Road Belfast Tel: 028 9047 1995 & 2 High St Newtownards Tel: 028 9182 7717

Compulsory items for all year groups:

- **Blazer** [to be worn to and from and around school; may be removed in classroom / study / common room]
- **Black tights** as standard winter uniform (40 denier or more)
- **Shoes** – plain black leather / leather look, laced or slip-on shoes
 - **Forms 1 – 3:** flat heeled / continuous sole
 - **Forms 4 – 6:** flat / low heels. Heels must be no more than 5 cm (2") in height, measured on the outside of the heel, and must be block / cone heels.

(See Footwear Regulations on pages 9 - 12 for additional information and examples)

Optional:

- **Regulation green cardigan or v-necked pullover**
- **Regulation school scarf**
- **Approved coats :**
 - Target Dry olive green waterproof over-jacket ('mac-in-the-sac');
 - Green fleece-lined waterproof coat from official stockists;
 - Strathearn sports jacket (if already purchased; no longer available to buy).

Coats must be bought large enough to be worn over blazers in cold or wet weather.

FORMS 1 – 3 UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM

- **Blazer**
- **A-line green skirt** (*knee length – see below for additional guidance on skirt length*)
- **Beige long-sleeved blouse** buttoned at neck
- **Regulation tie**
- **Black tights** (40 denier or more)
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (see Footwear Regulations)

SUMMER UNIFORM (Summer term and September*)

- **Blazer**
- **Skirt** (as above)
- **Turquoise open-necked, short-sleeved blouse**
- **Beige, knee-length socks**
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (as above)

Optional:

- **Regulation green cardigan or v-necked pullover**
- **Regulation school scarf**
- **Approved coats :**
 - Target Dry olive green waterproof over-jacket ('mac-in-the-sac');
 - Green fleece-lined waterproof coat from official stockists;
 - Strathearn sports jacket (if already purchased; no longer available to buy).

Coats must be bought large enough to be worn over blazers in cold or wet weather.

***Form 1 pupils do not need Summer uniform until the Summer term of next year.**

Guidance on skirt length:

'Knee length' means when the skirt is worn buttoned at the waist and the girl is kneeling and upright (not bending forward), the skirt must touch the ground around her.

Most girls should be buying at least a 22" length skirt, or longer if over 5ft 4"/162 cm. Only girls who are less than 5ft / 152cms tall should be considering purchasing a 20" long skirt or less.

[Many girls grow a few inches / cms over the course of the year. This should be taken into consideration when purchasing a skirt so that it can last the whole year.]

FORMS 4 - 5 UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM

- **Blazer**
- **All round green box pleated skirt** (*below the knee - see below for additional guidance on skirt length*)
- **Beige long-sleeved blouse**, buttoned at neck
- **Regulation tie**
- **Black tights** (40 denier or more)
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (see Footwear Regulations)

SUMMER UNIFORM (Summer term and September)

- **Blazer**
- **Skirt** (as above)
- **Turquoise open-necked, short-sleeved blouse**
- **Black tights** (40 denier or more)
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (as above)

Optional:

- **Regulation green cardigan or v-necked pullover**
- **Regulation school scarf**
- **Approved coats :**
 - Target Dry olive green waterproof over-jacket ('mac-in-the-sac');
 - Green fleece-lined waterproof coat from official stockists;
 - Strathearn sports jacket (if already purchased; no longer available to buy).

Coats must be bought large enough to be worn over blazers in cold or wet weather.

Guidance on skirt length:

'Below the knee' means when buttoned at the waist the skirt must cover the knee completely. The knee must not be visible when standing.

Most girls will require a 24" / 26" length skirt, in whatever women's size they purchase. Skirts longer than this may have to be made to order. Only girls who are less than 5ft 3" / 160 cms tall should be considering purchasing a 22" long skirt.

[Many girls grow a few inches / cms over the course of the year. This should be taken into consideration when purchasing a skirt so that it can last the whole year.]

SIXTH FORM UNIFORM:

WINTER UNIFORM

- **Blazer**
- **All round green box pleated skirt** (*below the knee – see below for additional guidance on skirt length*)
- **White long-sleeved blouse**, buttoned at neck.
- **Sixth Form tie**
- **Black tights** (40 or more denier)
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (see Footwear Regulations)

SUMMER UNIFORM (Summer term and September)

- **Blazer**
- **Skirt** (as above)
- **White open-necked, short-sleeved blouse**
- **Black tights** (40 or more denier)
- **Black leather / leather look shoes of the approved type** (as above)

Optional:

- **Regulation green cardigan or v-necked pullover**
- **Sixth form scarf**
- **Approved coats :**
 - Target Dry olive green waterproof over-jacket ('mac-in-the-sac');
 - Green fleece-lined waterproof coat from official stockists;
 - Strathearn sports jacket (if already purchased; no longer available to buy).

Coats must be bought large enough to be worn over blazers in cold or wet weather.

Guidance on skirt length:

'Below the knee' means when buttoned at the waist the skirt must cover the knee completely. The knee must not be visible when standing.

Most girls will require a 24" / 26" length skirt, in whatever women's size they purchase. Skirts longer than this may have to be made to order. Only girls who are less than 5ft 3" / 160 cms tall should be considering purchasing a 22" long skirt.

Accepted dress code for U6 during Summer Term

U6 pupils will be permitted to wear their own clothes during the Summer Term, but must adhere to the following dress code:

Pupils must wear clothing suitable for a school environment.

Clothing must be modest at all times:

- no low cut tops / backless sun tops / exposed midriffs
- no shorts / miniskirts with bare legs

Normal piercing rules apply (see page 13).

UNIFORM NOTES

Uniform should be worn in the appropriate manner, with blouse top buttons done up, blouses tucked into waistbands and ties properly knotted. Scarves or outdoor coats should not be worn indoors. Make-up, coloured nail polish, unnatural hair colours / colour combinations and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

1. Labelling: All property brought to school, including items of uniform, must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

Girls are responsible for the safekeeping of their own property.

2. Travelling: Correct school uniform must be worn to and from school. Approved school coats and scarves only are permitted with blazers.

3. Skirts: for advice on care of skirts, see page 14.

4. Jewellery: One simple ring is permitted, as is a pair of small, stud type earrings worn in the **ear lobes***. Other items of jewellery should not be brought to school. School or approved charity badges only may be worn.

*** Nose, eyebrow, tongue, lip piercings or additional earrings are totally unacceptable with school uniform.** (See Uniform Guidance on Piercings, page 13, for further details and examples.) **Pupils will be asked to have them removed if they do not meet regulations.**

5. Sports Uniform: Sports gear should be worn only during **PE** or **Games** sessions. Special permission must be obtained to wear it at any other time.

[Exception: Girls who have PE last period may go home in regulation tracksuit bottoms and hooded sweat shirts. If they do not have these items of PE kit they must go home in normal school uniform.]

On all other occasions, hoodies are not considered to be part of normal regulation school uniform and must not be worn to, from, or during school. This includes those manufactured specifically for a particular school group / event.

The school will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and try to accommodate these needs within its uniform policy.

PE UNIFORM Available from
or **online** from the School website
www.strathearn.org.uk



40 Montgomery
Road, Belfast,
BT6 9HL
Tel: 028 9070 1444

FORMS 1 - 2

(And as replacement for existing PE uniform for older pupils)

Required from September:

- Skort
- Polo Shirt
- Hooded Sweat shirt
- Track Suit Bottoms
- Shorts
- Socks (knee length)
- White Ankle Socks

Optional

- Rain jacket
- Gymnastic slippers

Sports Equipment

- 1 pair of trainers for indoors
- 1 pair of trainers for outdoors
- Hockey stick
- Sports bag (no regulations as to colour or shape)
- Gum shield and shin guards
- Towel for swimming*
- Swimsuit & Cap*

Summer Term - not required until March

- Tennis racket

Optional

- Tennis dress /shorts and shirt
- Spikes (for athletics)

PE Policy: Pupils must bring a parental note if they wish to be excused from PE. Non-participants will be expected to wear trainers, tracksuit bottoms and hooded sweatshirt.

*Form 1 only

PE Uniform for:

Hockey	Polo shirt, skort, socks, trainers, tracksuit bottoms, hooded sweat shirt, hockey stick, gum shield, shin guards
Netball	Polo shirt, skort, socks, trainers, tracksuit bottoms, hooded sweat shirt
Gymnastics	Polo shirt, shorts, socks, trainers
Dance	Polo shirt, skort, socks, trainers
Tennis	Polo shirt and skort, white ankle socks, trainers, tennis racket
Athletics	Polo shirt, shorts, white ankle socks, trainers

N.B. The Physical Education staff will be pleased to give advice to parents about the purchase of Sports Equipment.

FOOTWEAR REGULATIONS

We would like to draw the attention of parents/guardians to the importance of buying regulation footwear for pupils. If you are planning to purchase new footwear for the autumn term, or should you have to do so at any other stage of the school year, you should note carefully the regulations below.

School shoes must be plain black leather / leather look, laced or slip-on shoes.

- **Forms 1 – 3:** flat-heeled / continuous sole
- **Forms 4 – 6:** flat / low heels. Heels must be no more than 5 cm (2") in height, measured on the outside of the heel, and must be block / cone heels.

(See Guidance below for additional information and examples)

Trainers must not be worn except for PE / Sports.

Please note: the following do not conform to school regulations and must not be purchased to be worn with school uniform:

- platform shoes;
- suede or patent leather shoes;
- canvas or other textile shoes;
- shoes with stiletto, kitten or narrow wedge heels;
- shoes with decorative additions such as bows, metal studs, large buckles or coloured sections

In recent years **ballet pumps** have become very popular. From experience we have found that these shoes tend to lack the necessary support / sturdiness to last for any appreciable length of time. **We would therefore advise against purchasing this type of shoe.**

Parents of pupils whose shoes do not conform to school regulations will be asked to purchase new shoes immediately.

Guidance on styles of shoes

FORMS 1 – 3

These are examples of shoe styles that are acceptable



**Ballet pumps not advisable,
too flimsy and lacking support**



Guidance on styles of shoes

FORMS 4 – U6

These are examples of shoe styles that are acceptable
(in addition to those shown on page 10)



**Ballet pumps not
advisable, too flimsy
and lacking support**

Guidance on styles of shoes

These are examples of shoe styles that are **NOT** acceptable



Please make sure that any shoes with heels are of a "block / cone style" with at least a 3.5cms / 1½ inch base.

GUIDANCE ON PIERCINGS:

Girls may wear one simple, small stud in the ear lobe only.



Other piercings are not permitted. These include

- nose studs
- nose rings
- eyebrow piercings
- lip studs
- tongue piercings.



Nose studs are not permitted

Advice to pupils and parents:

Pupils should think carefully before having piercings carried out anywhere but in the ear lobe. They should ensure that if they need to wear a retainer for a prolonged period that this does not extend into term time.

Pupils will be asked to have any piercings that do not meet regulations removed.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS ON MAINTAINING THE APPEARANCE AND LONGEVITY OF SKIRTS

Keep washing to a minimum.

When laundering skirts, particularly pleated ones:

- **Always wash the skirt inside out.** This will help to reduce any pills or bobbles that may form, as loose fibres come to the surface during washing.
- **Always wash the skirt separately or with similar coloured garments.**
- **Always use a cool wash** (max 40°C) and a **mild detergent**, at **reduced spin** speed.
- **Place pleated skirts inside a net laundry bag / pair of tights.** This will help to maintain pleats.
- **Dry flat / line hang.**

DO NOT:

- **Use fabric conditioner** (pleats fall out with conditioner)
- **Tumble dry** (subjecting garments to high temperatures will cause the garment to shrink, lose shape, eliminate pleats and the appearance of the skirt will deteriorate)

Please always check the care label on your garment.

All stockists have been notified about the need for clear care instructions on skirts.