

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any jewellery during PE lessons to prevent them from causing possible injury. Please note: School staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. In addition to this long hair will be required to be tied back during activities such as PE.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear flat plain black shoes or trainers without coloured logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black and flat. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

The Role of Parents / Guardians

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents / guardians is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is clearly labelled on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new shop to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The senior leadership team monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Some of the items are listed below, some of which have the school logo on and are sold in school. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

Uniform as follows:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or red and white checked or striped dresses



- White blouse or polo shirt either plain or with the Ryhill logo



- Red cardigan, without a hood, either plain or with the Ryhill logo (our preferred option)



- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black, red or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. When children wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Or:

- Grey shorts or trousers **not** jogging bottoms



- White shirt or polo shirt



- Red sweatshirt, without a hood, either plain or with the Ryhill logo (our preferred option)



Additional items can also be purchased from our school uniform suppliers including school book bags.

Please visit: <https://www.ssclothing.co.uk/School-Uniforms/Ryhill-J-I-N-School/>

School Book Bags are also available from the school office (limited supply).



Shoes

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without coloured logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.



P.E. Kit

we would like children to come into school on their PE days in their PE uniform. We have outlined this below:

PE Kit as follows:

- Black shorts
- Red T-shirt (with school logo) or polo shirt



- A pair of black trainers (plain) suitable for sports



- Black tracksuit (plain) for outdoor lessons in cold weather



For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery (including earrings) for PE.

Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that you will know when to arrive at school in PE kit.

PE kit may be bought from the school office. All school uniform and PE kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

We appreciate your support in this manner.

