

The Rydal Academy School Uniform Policy

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Principles

It is our school policy to encourage pupils to wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

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

- Promotes a sense of belonging, identity and pride in the school;
- Is age appropriate, practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is affordable and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Promotes the school ethos and sets an appropriate tone for education.

Uniform

The Rydal Academy uniform consists of:

- Plain royal blue sweatshirt, fleece, hoodie or cardigan
- Plain white or royal blue polo shirt, shirt or t-shirt
- Plain black trousers, short trousers, skirt, leggings, pinafore, tracksuit bottoms, joggers, sports shorts or skort
- Gingham checked summer dress (blue and white)
- School shoes or trainers (any colour)

On PE days children should arrive at school in:

- Plain royal blue sweatshirt, fleece, hoodie (no cardigan's)
- Plain white or royal blue polo shirt or t-shirt (no shirts)
- Plain black leggings, tracksuit bottoms, joggers, sports shorts or skort (no trousers, skirt, pinafore, dresses)
- Trainers (no shoes)

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Spare uniform shop

Parent/carers can access free uniform through our spare uniform shop or pasties and pullovers. Stock is made up from good quality returned uniform and unclaimed lost property. If you would like to access some free uniform, please ask for more details at the school office.

Iron on school badges

Iron on school badges, or an embroidered logo, can be purchased through the link on the school website.

PE and Swimming

Children who do not arrive in active uniform on designated PE days will be provided with spare kit for them to access the PE curriculum. It is advised that shoulder length hair should be tied back and jewellery should not be worn. Should earrings not be removed, they should be covered with tape or plasters. Appropriate footwear such as trainers should be worn outdoors – ankle boots are not suitable. Swim wear should be a one-piece swimsuit or trunks and all children with shoulder length hair should wear a swimming cap.

Jewellery

We do ask that jewellery be kept to a minimum of a watch (Smart watches which have the capacity to take photographs, record images or sound are not permitted) and stud earrings. No false or acrylic nails should be worn in school. On PE days or for sports clubs, stud earrings will need to be removed or covered with tape / plasters, provision of which is parent/carers responsibility.

Personal possessions

We cannot accept responsibility for children's personal possessions such as mobile phones, jewellery and pencil cases. Valuables should be given to the class teacher for safe keeping. Mobile phones must be handed in to the office and collected at the end of the day and should not enter the school building.

The role of parent/carers

We ask all parent/carers to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parent/carers have a duty to send their child to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The role of governors

The governing body implements 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 and is cost effective for parents. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.