



Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event, outside of normal school hours.

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 and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as the Sikh Kara

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. diabetes or epilepsy.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also not permitted. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this

footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents /Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body 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;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform List

The School Uniform is:

Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

- Purple school jumper or cardigan or plain purple
- Purple gingham Summer dress
- White shirt
- School tie
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt/pinafore
- Grey or black socks
- White or grey socks/tights
- Black shoes (non branded black trainers are also allowed)

Reception Class

- Purple school sweatshirt or plain purple
- Purple school cardigan or plain purple
- Purple gingham Summer dress
- White polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt/pinafore
- Grey or black socks
- White or grey socks/tights
- Black shoes (non branded black trainers are also allowed)

Nursery/ Pre Nursery Class

- Purple school sweatshirt or plain purple
- Purple school cardigan or plain purple
- Purple gingham Summer dress
- White polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Grey skirt/pinafore/tracksuit bottoms
- Grey or black socks
- White or grey socks/tights
- Black shoes (non branded black trainers are also allowed)

PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White Tshirt
- Black plimsoll pumps
- Rainbow Tracksuits (to be bought via the school office)

All items of clothing - including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child’s name.

DfE Guidance:

The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: ‘The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.’