

Riverside Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Background

There is currently no legislation that deals specifically with school uniform or other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and make-up. However, the governing body of Riverside Primary School has decided that there should be a school uniform and other rules relating to appearance because we believe that it will:

- Instil pride in the school.
- Support positive behaviour and discipline.
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos.
- Ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome.
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

In setting a school uniform policy the governors have consulted widely and taken into consideration issues related to:

- The cost of the uniform, assuring that uniforms for boys and girls should cost no more than each other.
- Religious requirements.
- Human rights implications.
- Equal opportunities.
- Sex, race and disability discrimination.

The governors have also considered competing opinions on the uniform in relation to the issues above.

The wearing of school uniform is part of the school's positive behaviour programme, because it encourages a sense of identity for every child to belong to the school family. We ask that parents give their full co-operation in ensuring that their child wears his/her school uniform every day.

Details of the school uniform can be found in the school prospectus and on the school's website.

Objectives and targets

The objectives of the policy are to create a school uniform that will develop an atmosphere of pride in the school and encourage amongst the pupils an identity with it and support for its ethos of good behaviour and discipline. The uniform will remove the pressures from pupils to dress in school in any way other than that stated by the school dress code.

Action plan

Riverside Primary School has endeavoured, through consultation and consideration, to devise an affordable school uniform that is as inclusive as possible, is non-discriminatory and is suitable for all pupils to wear.

When pupils are representing the school in the community, school uniform must always be worn. The headteacher will ensure pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.

Exceptional weather conditions

Parents will be advised on whether school uniform rules may be waived in exceptional weather conditions.

Purchase

Items marked with * in the school uniform list below are available from our online uniform supplier, Custom Planet: <http://www.riverside.schoolii.co.uk/>

Website page is <https://www.riversideprimary.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=299>

A large proportion of other items of school uniform can be purchased at retail outlets including supermarkets. Blouses/polo shirts should be worn for normal school wear and t-shirts should be worn for PE.

It is essential for parents to name all items of clothing, including footwear otherwise the school cannot be held responsible for any loss. Tracing lost property is easier when it contains a proper name.

School Uniform

- School logo purple sweatshirt or cardigan*
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Plain black or grey skirt or plain black or grey tailored school trousers.
- Plain black shoes or trainers (for outdoors)
- Plain black sandals for indoors (can be purchased from School Office)

PE Kit

- Plain black shorts (for PE)

- School logo white t-shirt (for PE)* *optional – plain white t-shirt can also be worn*
- Plain tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings for PE
- Plain black trainers for outdoor PE

Lost property

A lost property box is situated at the top of the corridor between the KS2 toilets. Lost property is kept for a period of a half term and then, in the interest of the school's 're-use and recycle' procedures, suitable items will freshly laundered and placed on our Uniform Rail (see below). Other items will be donated to a local charity shop. It is the child's responsibility to retrieve lost property from the Lost Property Box.

Uniform Exchange

We operate a 'Uniform Exchange' whereby grown out items of children's clothing can be donated to school (as long as they are in reasonable condition) and will be placed on the clothing rails in the main entrance. Donations such as shoes, coats, trousers, fleeces, polo shirts and PE shorts are always gratefully received. **Parents are free to help themselves to items.**

Monitoring and evaluation

The governing body will monitor the efficacy of the policy on a regular basis taking into account any comments from parents about the uniform itself or the cost of supplying it. In any case the cost of the uniform will be reviewed annually to demonstrate to parents how best value has been achieved, including changing our uniform supplier.

Reviewing

This policy will be reviewed annually taking into consideration the views of the pupils and their parents as well as the cost of the items and any legal or recommended requirements from the DfE.

Next school review due: **September, 2026**