

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 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.

Uniform

The Rydal Academy uniform consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Grey or black trousers, short trousers or skirt
- Gingham checked summer dresses (blue and white)
- Shoes or trainers
- PE kit: T-shirt, sports shorts, tracksuit, trainers or sandals (indoor use)

** Uniform at cost price can be ordered from the school office or sourced at most local supermarkets. PE bag, book bags, fleece jackets are also available from the school office.*

All clothing should be clearly labeled 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

Parents are able to access free uniform through our spare uniform shop. 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.

Jewellery

We do ask that jewellery be kept to a minimum of a watch (Smart watches which have the capacity to record images or sound are not permitted) and stud earrings.

The role of parents

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents 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. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.