SCHOOL UNIFORM

We believe a school uniform can help create a shared identity, common sense of purpose and set an appropriate tone for education. A uniform can create a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, act as a social leveller, reduce peer pressure and other pressures to wear the latest fashions.

What the uniform looks like and the expectations for each year group are given below. Children and young people helped us to decide on what their school uniform should look like. All of their choices are included in our school uniform expectations.

Cost

We believe all uniform items should be widely available, low cost and long lasting. We have replaced the need to have a logo embroidered on all items such as blazers, jumpers and cardigans together with the need to purchase them from one supplier. This means you can buy uniform items from any retailer. For items that carry a logo you may choose to have this embroidered for £4 or purchase a sew-on badge.

We have recently reviewed our preferred provider. You can order school uniform items from them via the school. There is no additional charge to have logos embroidered on items you purchase from them.

The school tie remains the only branded item needed to be worn in Primary and secondary. We will provide a free tie to all children and young people who join the school from now on. Additional ties will be at cost value (£8.99) but families should check if there are any second hand or unused ties before purchasing a new one.

Help with costs

We encourage all families with good quality used items such as jumpers, cardigans and blazers to donate these to the school to keep costs to a minimum, promote sustainability and lower our whole school carbon footprint. A selection of items is available from our Housekeeping Department. You can reach them on 01332 362512 (voice), 07739 983701 (voice & text) or 07500 878565 (voice, text & British Sign Language).

Additional help for families struggling with uniform costs is also available, please contact the PA to the Headteacher on 07500 878565 (voice, text & British Sign Language).





School Uniform Items April 2023

Navy blue V neck jumper with RSDD logo	Any outlet - badge available from Housekeeping Department or embroidered by preferred provider
Navy blue cardigan with RSDD logo	
Navy blue blazer with RSDD logo on pocket	
White shirt	
Navy trousers or skirt	Any outlet
Smart black shoes (no trainers) heels no more than 3cm	
Tie (clip on)	Available free from the Housekeeping Department for all new pupils. Replacements available at a cost of £8.99
PE Kit	
Navy polo with school logo	Any outlet - badge available from Housekeeping Department or embroidered via preferred provider
Navy shorts	
Dark coloured tracksuit for outdoor use	Any outlet
Pumps/trainers for indoor (no black soles) and outdoor use	
Uniforms and Year Groups	,
Pupils in EYFS are encouraged to wear jogging bottoms	
Pupils in EYFS and KS1 are not expected to wear blazers	

Please note, all parents are encouraged to make sure all items of school uniform are marked with their child's name

School dress code/uniform and our duties under the Equality Act 2010

The <u>Equality Act 2010</u> prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics including sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment. To avoid discrimination we will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their selfidentified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back when undertaking some activities)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy statement on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the PA to the Headteacher on 07500 878565 (voice, text & BSL) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests