



Rise Park Academies



Uniform Policy

For:
Sunbeams Nursery
Rise Park Infant School
Rise Park Junior School

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Introduction

At Rise Park Schools, we believe that a dress code gives identity, pride and ownership of the school. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask that parents and carers support our schools by ensuring that children are wearing the correct school uniform at all times.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is outlined in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. If you plan to have your child's ears pierced, please do this at the start of the summer break, to allow healing time. No earrings of any kind can be worn in either school, and they cannot be covered by plasters. Please note teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons, clips or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either dark green, white or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached. Children with hair long enough to be tied back should have their hair tied up. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Make up and nail varnish (on hands or feet) should not be worn to school.

Footwear

We require all children to wear sensible flat shoes, preferably those which are smart and practical and with suitable grips for playtimes. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.

All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. These should be closed in with no toes visible to prevent accident or injury. Children in



Nursery and Reception should also ensure they bring a named pair of wellington boots into school.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days we ask that children apply sun cream before attending school and bring in sunhats for outdoor activities. Sunglasses are not permitted in school unless there is a medical reason for wearing them.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. Should an item of uniform prove to be inaccessible for a child with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Inclusion Managers. Any parent who would like to request any other exception to the uniform policy should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School, followed by the Executive Headteacher and then the Governors.

The Role of Governors

The Local Committee supports the Heads of School and Executive Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Heads of School and Executive 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 monitoring and review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, 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 Heads of School and Executive Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.



School Uniform List

Sunbeams Nursery

- Yellow polo shirt
- Bottle green jogging trousers/skirt
- Bottle green sweatshirt
- Black shoes
- Optional bottle green fleece for use in the cooler months
- Wellington boots to be kept in Nursery

It is useful, when your child starts school, to keep spare underwear in a drawstring bag as in the event of an accident, it is preferable that children are changed into their own clothing.

Rise Park Infant and Junior School

Daily Wear

- Grey skirts/pinafore dresses/trousers
- White polo shirt/blouse/shirt
- Green/yellow striped ties (with shirts/blouses from years 3-6)
- Bottle green sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans
- Optional bottle green fleece for use in the cooler months
- White/grey long socks in winter or short socks in summer
- Grey/bottle green tights (not to be worn with a summer dress)
- Black shoes
- Green/white check dress/ shorts (during the Summer term/first half of Autumn term)

We ask that children come to school in PE kits on the days their class is timetabled for P.E. lessons.

PE Clothing

- A pair of plain white or black trainers (preferably Velcro fastenings for younger children, no plimsolls)
- A yellow T shirt
- A black pair of shorts
- A pair of plain black/grey jogging bottoms for outdoor sessions



- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety requirements

Swimming

Swimming is timetabled for each year group either during the first half of the Autumn term or in the Summer term. Children will need:

- A one-piece swimming costume/ lycra swim shorts
- A towel
- A swimming hat, which can be purchased from **Premier Schoolwear**.
- Goggles may be worn if a disclaimer form is completed by the parent/ carer

All school uniform is available in local shops and supermarkets at reasonable prices but any items with the school logo on will need to be purchased from **Premier Schoolwear** online at:

<https://www.premierschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/rise-park-school/>

Bags and Lunchboxes

- Children in the Infant School will need a flat green A4 book bag
- Junior school children may bring a bag of their choice however **oversized rucksacks/designer bags are not permitted to be used in school**
- Lunchboxes must be named and be free of nut products as we are a nut free school
- Children are asked to bring a clear, named water bottle each day which will be kept in the classroom; this is strictly for water only

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