

# School Uniform Policy

Russell Scott Primary



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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- To avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### 2. Why we have a school uniform

At Russell Scott Primary School we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- is cost effective

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a school uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance.

School uniform can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure all pupils, no matter what their background, all 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. Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

All children must wear the school uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform has been chosen after extensive consultation. It is readily available and inexpensive.

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

#### **Reception and Nursery**

Black or grey school trousers (**not** tracksuit bottoms or leggings)

Black or grey school skirt

Black or grey school shorts (not sports shorts)

Green and white Gingham dress

White polo shirt

Green school jumper (with optional school logo)

Green school cardigan (with optional school logo)

**Sensible, black** school shoes (with low or flat heels for safe movement around school) *or* **black** trainers (no coloured logos or coloured soles)

**All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### **Year 1 to Year 6**

Black or grey school trousers (**not** tracksuit bottoms or leggings)

Black or grey school skirt

Black or grey school shorts (not sports shorts)

Blue and white gingham dress

White or light blue polo shirt

Navy blue school jumper (with optional school logo)

Navy blue school cardigan (with optional school logo)

**Sensible, black** school shoes (with low or flat heels for safe movement around school) *or* **black** trainers (no coloured logos or coloured soles)

**All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### **PE Kit**

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity.

Black PE shorts

White T-Shirt

Black plimsolls (for indoor gym/dance)

Trainers (children need fresh training shoes to change into if they wear trainers during the school day)

Tracksuit/ jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE)

NO jewellery

**PE kit should be kept in school in a named, drawstring pump bag.**

**All items of PE clothing should be identified with the child's name.**

### **Swimming Kit (as advised by the Wellness Centre staff)**

(You will be notified when your child requires a swimming kit)

One-piece swimming costume

Short swimming shorts or swimming trunks

Swimming cap (depending on hair length – as advised by swimming instructors)

Towel

NO jewellery

### **Hairstyles**

These should be appropriate for school and should not draw undue attention to the wearer. Severe or extremes of fashion are unacceptable, this includes razor lines, bright colours, mohicans, hair extensions or motifs cut into the hair. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied up.

### **Jewellery**

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. Small, plain stud earrings may be worn but must be removed during physical activity.

### **Makeup**

Make up, including nail varnish and/or false nails, is **not** permitted at school.

### **Bags**

Due to limited space in school, for health and safety reasons, we ask that school bags are not too large so that they can hang on a coat peg (ie no bigger than approximately 30cm by 30cm).

*Book bags are available from the school office.*

## **Coats**

All coats should be appropriate for the weather and clearly labelled with the child's name.

*We recognise that it is a parent's responsibility to see their children respect authority and rules of the community. We ask parents to see that their children are dressed according to the uniform code of Russell Scott Primary School.*

### **4.2 Where to purchase it**

With the exception of the school jumper/cardigan with the school logo (optional), all uniform items listed above can be purchased cheaply from local retail outlets including supermarkets.

The school jumper/cardigan (with school logo) can be purchased from Sallies (Manchester Road, Denton).

### **Secondhand Uniform**

We hold 'good as new' uniform swaps in school termly

## **5. Expectations for our school community**

### **5.1 Pupils**

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than on specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school (unless advised otherwise), or where they are representing the school (if required)

### **5.2 Parents and carers**

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

If your child is selected to represent school in a sporting event, they will be provided with a team kit. Parents and carers are expected to:

- Wash the kit
- Return the full kit to school by the date set by the team coach.

### **5.3 Staff**

Staff will monitor the way in which this policy is being followed and is meeting the aims specified above.

### **5.4 Governors**

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- › Is appropriate for our school's context
- › Is implemented fairly across the school
- › Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- › Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

## **7. Links to other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives statement
- › Anti-bullying policy
- › Complaints policy