

Dear Parents / Carers,

As referenced in the academy newsletter, I know that a number of families begin to organise and purchase uniform for the next academic year at this time and with this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to set out our uniform expectations clearly.

This information will also be located in the Pupil Planner that will be given to your child. Additionally, this information is located in the parent section of our website.

School Uniform is inclusive of:

- A royal blue jumper / cardigan **with school badge**
- A plain white polo type t-shirt (with a collar) or a plain white shirt
- Black or charcoal grey **tailored** school trousers
- Black or charcoal grey **tailored** shorts
- Black or charcoal grey **tailored** school skirt
- Black or charcoal grey **tailored** school dress
- Plain black leather / leather look school shoes, plain black leather / leather look boots (no higher than mid-calf) or plain black trainers (below the ankle and inclusive of black laces).
- A checked blue and white dress is permitted (Shallot style checked blue and white dresses are also fine).

Additional expectations:

- Pupils are only allowed one small stud earring per earlobe. Pupils can wear a watch though **activity watches are not permitted**. Both earrings and watches will need to be removed for PE, however.
- Makeup is unnecessary and should not be worn unless a reasonable adjustment has been authorised by the Principal. Nails must be of an appropriate length and natural in colour: coloured nail varnish and/or false nails are not permitted.
- Pupils are allowed to return to school with Henna after Eid but it cannot be added to and must be allowed to fade naturally.
- School jumpers need to be in school every day.

Footwear:

All pupils must wear formal, **plain black** leather or leather-look school shoes, **plain black** leather or leather-look boots or **plain black** trainers. Boots must be no higher than mid-calf fitting. Pupils should not wear footwear that is decorative (e.g. diamantes or coloured/ reflective strips or logos). **Laces must also be black in colour and only be worn by children who can tie them independently**. Backless sandals, leisure shoes or canvas shoes are also not allowed. Our footwear policy is consistent across all seasons.

Bags:

The style of bags that are permitted include book bags and rucksacks. From a health and safety perspective, **it is important that bags have a short handle which enables them to be hung safely on cloak room hooks.**

Pupils who regularly participate in extra-curricular sport will be provided with a Ryecroft Academy rucksack without charge.

Hairstyles:

Hairstyles should not reflect the extremes of 'youth culture', for example shaved lines and patterns on the side of the head; patterns must not be cut into the hair. Hair should be of natural colour. Reasonable adjustments can be discussed with the Principal e.g. medical reasons. Hair accessories must be appropriate in size and colour for sensible and safe working. Hair clips must not be attached to jumpers/shirts/items of clothing.

PE Kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain blue shorts, plain blue tracksuit bottoms or plain blue leggings
- Trainers
- Hair bobble – if your child has long hair
- Earrings and watches must be removed for PE and sporting activities

Purchasing Uniform Online from Price and Buckland

Our uniform can be purchased online through our supplier Price and Buckland. They offer the option for parents to pay a delivery charge of £4.50 per order (free delivery for orders over £50.00) and the items are delivered to the specific address that you request. Alternatively, you can request for the items to be delivered to school for collection free of charge. You will be notified once the items have arrived in school.

There is a link on our school website for you to access enabling you to order our school uniform quickly and easily. As soon as we are aware of the prices for individual items, we will share this with you.

We offer pre-loved uniform for a small donation and welcome our families to use this service as part of our effort to recycle and be environmentally friendly. Pre-loved uniform is available for sale via the school office, or you can contact Hannah Flavell at any point via the main school number to enquire about our stock and purchasing. We encourage our departing Year 6 pupils to donate their uniform to our pre-loved shop at end of the academic year.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs H Townsley
Principal