



Uniform Policy

Riverside Federation

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This policy is in support of the Riverside Federation's vision:
Small schools providing opportunity, delivering challenge, building respect.

Introduction

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 children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from our suppliers (details available on the website or from the school office), whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is included in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

Promotes a sense of pride in our school;

Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;

Identifies the children with the school;

Supports our commitment to inclusion;

Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;

Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;

Is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears (one stud per ear), and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and school colours. Hair bands should not have large flowers/cat ears/unicorn horns or similar attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. 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. Watches (including fitness trackers) should be named and are the pupil's responsibility. These should be removed for P.E.

Footwear

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 or plain black trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

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 written 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 school to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. 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 school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Executive Head Teacher.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is dark purple with black, grey and white. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold by our school suppliers. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

Uniform:

Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers

White shirt or polo shirt*; dark purple polo shirt either plain or with the Hilgay logo

Purple sweatshirt* or cardigan*, without a hood, either plain or with the Hilgay logo

Plain white, grey or black short or knee length socks (not over the knee)

Black, grey or dark purple tights

Full length black leggings may be worn with short black socks instead of tights

Plain black shoes, trainers or boots

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. When children wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

Please note that children should not wear scarves, hats or gloves inside the school building.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn these also should be plain black. Children who wear boots that prevent them from sitting comfortably on the floor may be asked to wear their PE shoes whilst inside the building.

P.E. Kit

Children need to arrive in school wearing their PE kit on PE days. Teachers will let parents know via Dojo or text message which days each class will have PE.

All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Girls and boys wear:

plain black shorts/skorts/leggings

plain white T-shirt*

trainers

plain black jogging suit for outdoor lessons in cold weather

swimming costume (no bikinis; shorts must be above the knee) – summer term

swimming hat – summer term

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings or watches for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.