

# Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School



Uniform Policy  
2024-25

## Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.



The Department for Education (DfE) strongly encourages schools to have a uniform, as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

The Governing body at Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher.

## Uniform

All pupils are required to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper (with or without the school logo)
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or Black trousers – no jeans or leggings please
- Grey or Black skirt
- Grey Pinafore
- Black, flat sensible, safe, shoes – no high heels

### Summer Options

- Grey or black tailored, knee-length shorts
- Gingham dresses – blue
- Cap to protect from the sun

Hoodies are not acceptable in place of sweatshirts, cardigans or jumpers (but may be worn as coats *in addition to* sweatshirts, cardigans or jumpers). Pupils will be asked to remove them inside school. Children wearing non-school uniform for cultural or religious reasons will be required to wear clothing of blue colouring to conform to school colours.

Parents wishing to vary their children's uniform for religious or cultural reasons are asked to discuss this with the Headteacher.

High heeled shoes or boots are unsafe for the school environment and can be the cause of falls and twisted ankles.

## PE

- A change of top and shorts (or jogging/tracksuit trousers in colder months) must be worn for PE. Pupils are allowed to wear their PE kits to school on the day on which they have PE. Football tops are acceptable for these lessons. Leggings are also acceptable instead of shorts, if desired.
- Parents wishing to vary their child's PE/Games kit for religious or cultural reasons should discuss their requirements with the Headteacher. It should be noted that all children are required and expected to take part in PE, games and swimming.
- Appropriate footwear should be worn for outdoor PE – trainers or plimsolls.
- Children should have bare feet for indoor PE and games activities.
- Any earrings should be removed for the lesson, by the child.

## Jewellery and general appearance

- Only stud earrings are acceptable jewellery. A plain, functional wristwatch may also be worn.
- Children should be able to remove their earrings for PE, games and swimming. If they cannot do this themselves, they should not wear them to school on those days. Parents who are planning to have their child's ears pierced should please try to have them done at the beginning of the summer holiday so they have time to heal before school resumes in September.
- **No other jewellery should be worn.** If a child wears jewellery to school, they will be told to take it off and look after it themselves for the rest of the day. No liability will be accepted by the school if it goes missing.
- Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes (e.g. bright, red, blue, pink, green, etc). Such hairstyles are not acceptable at school.
- Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed without trace. A child coming to school with fake tattoos showing will be asked to remove them. If swimming, there must be no fake tattoos on the parts of their bodies that are normally covered up.
- Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances.
- False nails, nail polish/varnish (e.g. gel and shallack nails) and nail art are also unacceptable.

A letter will be issued to parents of children who are continually failing to adhere to the Uniform Policy as described above (see Appendix 1)

### **Role of the class teachers and all other staff**

- To expect and encourage children to adhere to the Uniform Policy described above.
- To remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.

### **Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body**

- The Headteacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **Role of the Parents/Guardians**

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- To ensure that all items of their child's clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned.
- To ensure that pupils come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as parties or charity fund raising or exceptional circumstances that prevents them from doing so.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the Head teacher.

### **Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the uniform compliments other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed in the autumn term 2025.

This policy follows Department for Education guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

## **Appendix 1**

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER**

It has been noted that your child has been regularly breaking the school's uniform policy in the following way(s):

*(indicate as appropriate)*

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| Incorrect colour top (should be blue) or wearing a hoodie instead of a sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan |  | Incorrect colour blouse/shirt/polo shirt (should be white) |  |
| Incorrect colour trousers/skirt (should be grey/black)  |  | Not wearing PE kit   |  |
| Incorrect colour shoes (should be black), or high heels   |  | Wearing jewellery other than stud earrings and a watch     |  |
| Wearing make-up, false nails or fake tattoos showing  |  | Wearing an extreme hairstyle                               |  |

Our policy is enforced for the health and safety of pupils and is based on the notion that school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging in the school as well as providing good value for money for parents.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mason

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