

Rowlands Gill Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Policy Review:

Review Date	Changes Made	By Whom	Date Shared

Introduction

At Rowlands Gill Primary School, it is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event within or outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with the school office to ensure suitability. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the principles that a school uniform

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious or cultural grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will consider such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our School Uniform Policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery (other than earrings and watches) in our school. If a child wants to wear earrings, they must be small studs only and need to be removed or covered with plasters for PE lessons. Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons. A wrist watch can be worn but must be removed for PE. No responsibility can be accepted by the school for any jewellery lost on the premises.

General Appearance

The school does not permit children to wear tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be small and simple in style.

Footwear

Children should wear black shoes (not trainers) with their school uniform. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months, where they are both practical and necessary. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity. When wearing PE uniform, the children should wear trainers or plimsoles.

Uniform

The Rowlands Gill Primary School uniform can be purchased from the school supplier - details can be found on the school website. In order to be consistent, purchases from the school supplier would be the preferred option. However, uniform can be purchased from other suppliers, as long as they reflect the appropriate school colours as identified within our School Uniform Policy. All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

School Uniform

Our school uniform should be worn three days per week, on the days when the child does not have PE, and consists of:

- purple sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan (not knitted), preferably with school logo
- purple or white polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- grey school trousers or shorts (not black)
- grey skirt or grey pinafore dress (not leggings)
- purple checked dress (in warmer weather)
- grey, black or white socks, or grey, black or purple tights
- black, smartly kept shoes
- long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be small and simple in style.

We would recommend that the outer garment of a child's clothing has the school logo on. For example, if a child comes to school wearing only a polo shirt then it would be preferable if it contained the logo. However, it is not expected that the summer dresses have the logo on them.

PE Uniform

Our PE uniform should be worn all day, two days per week, on the days when the child has PE and consists of:

- plain white crew neck PE shirt (with or without school logo but no other logos)
- plain black hoodie (with or without school logo but no other logos)
- plain black PE shorts or plain black joggers or sports leggings (no logos)
- trainers or plimsoles (non-marking soles)

Please note, PE shirts, shorts, jumpers or joggers with other logos, such as those of well-known sports brands, are NOT acceptable.

Your child's PE days are noted on the top of the class page on the school website so that you will know which two days to send your child in their PE uniform. Should there need to be a change to this, e.g. if attending a sports tournament, you would be given prior notice of this.

Children in Nursery do not need a PE uniform. They should wear school uniform every day.

Swimming Kit (KS2)

Swimming kit should be brought in to school in a labelled bag on the day when a child goes swimming. Swimming lessons are usually, attended by children in Year 3 but may occasionally be attended by children in other year groups. You will be notified when your child is due to attend swimming lessons so that you have time to ensure they have the correct kit. The swimming kit consists of:

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts
- One-piece swimming costume (no bikinis)
- Towel
- Hairbrush or comb
- Goggles (optional)
- Plain swimming hats, as appropriate

School Bags

Purple school reading book bags or small school rucksacks, available from the uniform supplier, should be used by pupils.

Extreme Weather

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather.

As outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, the children in Nursery and Reception should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather so it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat for wet and cold days. Hats, gloves and wellington boots would also be items of clothing that we recommend could be provided for the children.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE uniform, swimming kit and personal items should be clearly labelled or marked with the child's full name.

Protecting Uniform

From time to time, as part of the curriculum, your child may use messy equipment which could mark their uniform. Where this is the case, we will provide aprons where possible or ask you to send in an old t-shirt or shirt which your child can wear over their uniform for the duration of those lessons.

Adherence to Policy

It is our expectation that parents will ensure they send their child to school in clothing which adheres to our policy. Should a child not be wearing the correct uniform, a reminder note will be sent home to alert the parent to the aspect of the uniform which is not meeting the policy. We will then expect this to be addressed by the parent.

If your child is not able to wear their full uniform on a certain day, for a genuine reason, e.g. the strap has broken on their shoe, please contact the office to let us know and to clarify when they will be back in full uniform.

If a parent repeatedly fails to ensure that their child is wearing the correct uniform, we will invite the parent (and the child, if appropriate) to meet with the Headteacher to identify what the issue is and work together to find a solution so that the child does wear the correct uniform. Should a parent find themselves unable to afford a uniform, they should contact the office for support.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years or earlier if the need arises.