Riverdale Primary School – Ironstone Academy Trust

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School Uniform

The school policy towards the wearing of uniform allows our children to demonstrate their, and their families or carers, respect for our School, as well as help eliminate problems caused by bullying around fashion, money and taste. They help our children view their School as a community of equals.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

Nursery

In Nursery children are able to choose whether they wear our school uniform or a choice of their own clothes when they attend their sessions. We simply ask that these clothes are practical for the active sessions they will participate in and out of the classroom.

Shoes need to be practical and velcro fastenings are a great choice of fastener as it allows the younger children more independence. Shoes with a pronounced heal must not be worn.

Children do not need PE Kits in Nursery.

Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2

Our colours are dark green tops (sweatshirts, cardigans or sweaters) and **white/yellow or green shirts or polo shirts,** black or grey trousers, joggers, skirts or pinafore dresses.

Green check dresses may be worn in summer although parents should remember these may not be suitable for all activities.

Plain, dark, shoes or trainers are worn by all the children, Velcro is great choice of fastener as it allows the younger children more independence. Shoes with a pronounced heel must not be worn.

All children, from Foundation Stage through to Year 6 are expected to comply with these rules.

All uniform may be ordered through the school office, or via Quickastitch shop.

Additionally, you are welcome to select unbadged clothing, albeit in the school colours, if you so wish.

All Year Groups

Religious or faith-based clothing is perfectly acceptable, following the spirit of the guidance in this document.

Jewellery or items of sentimental value should not be worn.

Smart watches, like mobile phones are not permitted and should be handed in to staff, at the start of the day. A watch may be worn, that can be reasonably judged by the Head teacher as appropriate for working and playing at school; it is recommended that this be of a low value.

A supply of used, but still in very good condition items, is maintained by school. Items have been cleaned/ washed before they are made available. They are stored with care and are always available. These items are available in a range of sizes. They are available free of charge.

What is not allowed at Riverdale Primary School?

Sportswear, including football shirts as well as denims, jeans and fashion clothing and footwear are not allowed.

Bright and non-natural coloured chemical dye on hair or hair pieces.

For safety reasons, acrylic or fake nails should not be worn. These can cause serious injuries if they are ripped off and may also hinder a pupil's ability to participate fully in lessons.

Sports Kit

Your child must have a PE kit of black shorts, plain T shirt (not a football shirt) and plimsolls or trainers, different to their school shoes, your child will come dressed to school in this on their PE days.

An outdoor kit is also required during colder months; a green sweatshirt and black joggers.

Children having swimming lessons will also need a swimming costume (not bikini) or swimming trunks (not shorts) and a towel.

The wearing of all cosmetic jewellery is strongly discouraged, although older children may wear a watch. Arrangements should be made to remove earrings for PE lessons, tape may be provided by parents to cover these if removal is impossible.

Hair styles

Long hair should be tied back, and the school discourages some specific hairstyles, for example shaved lines or coloured hair. Please discuss your proposed haircut with the Headteacher before having it cut if in doubt!