



UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT POLICY

OVERVIEW

At Riverside Primary Academy we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school has high standards and expectations and this is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school.
2. To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.
3. To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.
4. To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.
5. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

UNIFORM

Uniform consists of:

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan*
- Bottle green fleece*
- Emerald green polo shirt*
- Black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Black, sensible, flat shoes or plain black trainers (no branding)
- Plain black, grey or white socks or black/ grey tights
- Green and white checked dresses are optional for the warmer months.

PE UNIFORM (Children are asked to bring in their PE kit to change in school for PE lessons)

- Plain black shorts
- Plain, round neck t-shirt, either Red, Green, Blue or Yellow in allocated house colour*
- Black trainers
- Black hoodie and long tracksuit bottoms for outdoor learning, forest school lessons and PE.
- No football kits or branding

* Items are available with school logo embroidery from our uniform supplier.

HAIR STYLES should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress. Long hair should be off the face in all lessons and fully tied back for PE.

NAIL VARNISH, MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY is not acceptable for any reason. Children may wear a small discreet watch.

LUNCHBOXES should be named, stored in their year group lunchbox area and taken home every day. Children are asked to bring their own water bottles which should be named. They will be kept in the classroom other than when taken outside/to the hall for sports activities. They will be asked to take them home to wash and return with them to school the following day. Children are encouraged to drink water and other drinks are not allowed to be brought into school.

All clothes, including bags and trainers, **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name using a permanent marker or nametapes. Any mobile phone brought into school by a child must be turned off and handed into the office before the start of the school day. They can be collected at the end of the day before they go home.

ROLE OF THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and uphold the high standards of dress and appearance set by the school.
2. Ensure that their children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances which they have been advised of such as, Christmas events, school visits or charity fundraising.