

# Rosley CE School



## Uniform Policy

*We are kind and compassionate to one another and learn to forgive each other as God forgives us. We trust those around us to work together, aiming high in all we do.*

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**Statement of intent**

Rosley C of E School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

For the purposes of this policy, “**uniform**” includes the following elements of pupils’ appearance:

- Clothing, including the school uniform itself, variations of the school uniform such as PE kits, and other clothing worn at school, e.g. non-uniform.
- Hairstyles and headwear.
- Jewellery and other accessories.
- Cosmetics such as makeup and nail polish.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, is affordable, and provides the best value for money for both the school and pupils’ families.

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

## 1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2011
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
- DfE (2021) ‘Cost of school uniforms’
- DfE (2021) ‘School Admissions Code’
- DfE (2021) ‘School uniforms’
- Equality and Human Rights Commission (2022) ‘Preventing hair discrimination in schools’

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- LGBTQ+ Policy

## 2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible, inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil because of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.
- Demonstrating in this policy how best value for money has been achieved.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's '[Cost of school uniforms](#)' guidance.
- Processing and approving all eligible School Uniform Assistance Application Forms.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform rules on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.

### 3. Cost principles

The school will ensure that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

In accordance with the 'School Admissions Code', the headteacher will ensure that the school's uniform requirements do not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child.

The school will assess the overall cost implications of its uniform policy regularly, including prior to making any changes to the school uniform. When evaluating whether costs are reasonable and proportionate, the school will consider the opinions and situations of:

- Economically disadvantaged parents.
- Parents with multiple children who are, or will be in the future, pupils at the school.
- Parents of younger children, as they are likely to grow quickly and require new sets of uniform more frequently.
- Parents of pupils with protected characteristics that may impact their ability to access the uniform.
- Looked after children (LAC) and previously looked after children (PLAC).

The school will evaluate the cost of its uniform based on the overall collection of uniform items that parents would need to purchase for a pupil, rather than on the cost effectiveness of individual items; this will include consideration of the fact that parents will need to purchase multiples of certain items, e.g. shirts and socks, to ensure their child can come to school in clean uniform every day.

The school will keep variations in school uniform for different groups of pupils, e.g. year group-specific items or house colours, to a minimum to ensure that pupils can get the most wear out of their uniform and that parents can pass some items down to younger siblings.

#### 4. Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid unlawfully discriminating against any protected characteristic very seriously. In line with this, the school will aim to ensure that its uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils can access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are, while avoiding any direct or indirect discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics or socio-economic status. The school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform, and that, where appropriate and with pupils' consent, views and advice are sought specifically from pupils, and parents of pupils, who:

- Are transgender or non-binary
- Are of a religious or cultural background that has specific dress requirements
- Have SEND and/or sensory needs.

Parents' concerns and requests regarding school uniform and amendments to it are handled on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Information on how the school ensures its uniform policy does not discriminate against pupils with specific protected characteristics is outlined below.

##### **Gender**

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain gender, the school will ensure that the cost of uniform is as equal in price as possible across items for all genders.

This includes:

- Adhering to the procedures laid out in the 'Cost principles' section of this policy.
- Not directly requiring pupils of a certain gender to buy additional uniform, e.g. by requiring female pupils to buy both trousers and skirts.
- Not indirectly requiring pupils of a certain gender to buy additional uniform, e.g. by offering football in PE to only male pupils and requiring they buy football boots to participate.
- Not holding pupils of different genders to different uniform standards, e.g. by banning certain hairstyles for only one gender.

The school will implement a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils will not be required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in the 'School uniform' section of this policy regardless of the legal sex recorded on the school's records. Transgender pupils are supported to access the uniform that best reflects their gender expression in line with the LGBTQ+ Policy.

## **Religion and belief**

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain religion, belief or culture, the school will ensure that there is flexibility to allow pupils to present themselves in a way that adheres to their dress requirements as far as possible, within the school's uniform policy.

The school will endeavour to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform for these purposes; however, the needs and rights of individual pupils will be weighed against any health and safety concerns appropriate to the circumstances, e.g. if safety headgear needs to be.

## **Race**

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain race, the school will ensure that its uniform policy does not constitute unlawful indirect discrimination through blanket rules. This includes:

- Not banning hairstyles related to a pupil's ethnic origin, e.g. natural Afro hairstyles.
- Not banning hairstyles worn because of cultural, family and social customs, e.g. cornrows.
- Not banning head coverings related to a pupil's culture or ethnic origin, e.g. African heritage head wraps.

The school will follow the good practice guidance provided by the Equality and Human Rights Commission on 'Preventing hair discrimination in schools'.

## **SEND and medical conditions**

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils with SEND or medical conditions, the school will ensure its uniform policy considers the needs of these pupils. This includes:

- Ensuring the school uniform uses soft, stretchy fabrics and avoids intricate buttons or hard seams.
- Allowing variations to the standard uniform for pupils whose medical conditions may impact how they dress, e.g. pupils with casts who require loose-fitting clothing or pupils with hair loss-related conditions who wish to wear head coverings.

Where the needs of these pupils cannot be met in the standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted wherever possible.

## **5. Complaints and challenges**

The school will endeavour to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

The school will refer individuals who wish to complain to the Complaints Procedures Policy and request that they follow the procedures outlined therein.

When a complaint is received, the school will work with the complainant to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

## 6. School uniform supplier

The school's current uniform supplier is:

Stitch & Print (Aremo) Ltd  
51 High Street  
Wigton  
CA7 8AU

The school uniform can be purchased via Rosley C of E School's SchoolMoney. The school can accept school uniform assistance vouchers, please ask as the School Office.

## 7. Uniform assistance

The school will support disadvantaged families in meeting the costs of uniforms. School uniform assistance will be provided via a voucher worth £30 that can be spent on school clothing. The budget for the school uniform assistance scheme will be derived from pupil premium funds.

For parents to claim school uniform assistance, their children should be eligible for [FSM](#). Eligibility will be determined by checking original documents from the relevant authority, detailing receipt of the benefit and the address of the pupil.

Families who meet the criteria will be asked to complete a School Uniform Assistance Application Form and return it to the School Office.

The school hold second-hand school uniforms which parents can purchase for £1.00 per item; access to these uniforms will be made available upon request made to the Business Manager. Payments are made via Rosley School's SchoolMoney site.

Parents will be invited to donate their child's uniform when they no longer need it.

## 8. Non-compliance

Staff will be permitted to discipline pupils for breaching this policy, where relevant to their role, in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

The headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, will be permitted to ask a pupil to briefly go home to remedy breaches to the school's uniform. When deciding whether to allow a pupil to return home, the member of staff will consider the pupil's age and vulnerability, the length of time it will take, and the availability of the pupil's parents. A parent will always be contacted before sending the pupil home – if contact with the pupil's parent cannot be made, the pupil will remain in school.

Where a pupil has been sent home to rectify uniform breaches, the absence will be recorded as 'authorised'. If a pupil repeatedly breaches uniform rules, or takes longer than necessary to rectify the absence, the absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Parents will be notified of pupils' breaches of school uniform in all cases.

## 9. School uniform

### Clothing

The school uniform is as follows:

| Item   | Optional or required | Branding                      | How to acquire   | Cost per item from school supplier |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Regular school uniform</b>  |                      |                               |  |                                    |
| Royal blue sweatshirt  | Required             | School logo on left-hand side | Branded sweatshirt available or second-hand available from school office. Royal cardigan, without school logo, can be bought from regular retailers. | £8.50                              |
| Royal blue cardigan  | Required             | School logo on left-hand side | Branded cardigan available or second-hand available from school office. Royal cardigan, without school logo, can be bought from regular retailers.   | £11.00                             |
| Royal blue polo shirt  | Required             | School logo on left-hand side | Available from school supplier and second-hand from school office. Non-branded available from regular retailers                                      | £7.95                              |
| Grey trousers, shorts or knee-length grey skirt or grey pinafore dress | Required             | No branding                   | Available from regular retailers   | N/A                                |
| Blue checked summer dress  | Optional             | No branding                   | Available from regular retailers   | N/A                                |



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| Sensible, plain black shoes             | Required | No branding                    | Available from regular retailers   | N/A            |
| White polo shirt for PE                 | Required | School logo on left-hand side  | Available and second-hand uniform from school office. Non-branded available from regular retailers                             | £7.95          |
| Shadow striped royal blue shorts for PE | Required | No branding                    | New or second-hand shorts available from school office. Shadow striped royal blue shorts can be bought from regular retailers. | £3.00<br>£4.00 |
| Black joggers for PE                    | Required | No branding                    | Available from regular retailers   | N/A            |
| Plain trainers                          | Required | No branding                    | Available from regular retailers   | N/A            |
| Royal Blue PE Hoodie                    | Optional | School logo on left-hand side  | New or second-hand hoodie available from school office.  | £14.00         |
| Royal blue reading bag                  | Optional | School logo on front           | New or second-hand bag available from school office.   | £5.00          |
| Royal blue PE bag                       | Optional | No branding                    | Available from school office or regular retailers  | £2.00          |
| Busy Bees green polo shirt              | Optional | Nursery logo on left-hand side | New or second-hand bag available from Busy Bees.   | £7.25          |
| Busy Bees green sweatshirt              | Optional | Nursery logo on left-hand side | New or second-hand bag available from Busy Bees.   | £8.00          |

Adult sizes are available.

Pupils who wear skirts will also be to wear white or grey socks or white, grey or black tights.

The school will not consider trainers or high heels suitable school shoes, however, block heels of no more than 3cm can be worn.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when needed.

## **Jewellery**

The school rules on jewellery are as follows:

- One pair of small stud earrings may be worn – no other piercings are permitted.
- A smart and sensible wrist watch may be worn, no smart watches capable of taking or storing photos or with internet access

Pupils will be advised that jewellery is their personal responsibility and not that of the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, including PE lessons and science experiments.

## **Bags**

Pupils must use an appropriately-sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It must hold A4-sized workbooks comfortably without causing any damage.

School bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases will not be permitted.

The school will discourage pupils from bringing valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

## **Hairstyles and headwear**

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on whether a pupil's hairstyle, hair colour or headwear is inappropriate for the school environment; however, the school will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Each individual pupil's scenario will be taken into account where any judgements on appropriateness are to be made, and parents will always have the freedom to complain via the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face, or cause a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.

The following hairstyles, hair colours and headwear are not considered appropriate for school:

- Brightly coloured hair
- Headwear with bold patterns or colours
- Excessive hair accessories
- Headwear featuring inappropriate words or images

## **Makeup and cosmetics**

The school rules on makeup and cosmetics are as follows:

- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted
- Children are not permitted to wear makeup or nail varnish. Children wearing makeup will be asked to remove it

## 10. Adverse weather

All pupils will be advised to wear weather-appropriate clothing.

For hot temperatures, this will include wearing sunhats and sunglasses with UV protection when outside.

Pupils will be advised not to wear any jumpers during heatwaves. If outside during break times, pupils not wearing sun-safe clothing will be advised to stay in an area protected from the sun.

For cold temperatures, this includes wearing:

- Scarves, gloves, coats and hats when outside
- School jumpers
- Trousers or skirts with thick tights

## 11. Labelling and lost property

Parents will be advised to ensure that all pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name and year group.

Any lost clothing will be taken to the lost property box in the cloakroom. All lost property will be retained for one month and will be disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

## 12. Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the chair of governors and the headteacher. The next scheduled review date for this policy is November 2023.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all staff, pupils, parents and other relevant stakeholders.