



## **Ridgeway Primary School** **Uniform Policy**

Our uniform policy is written in line with the guidance found at <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>.

### **The key points of this document state that:**

- Each school decides its uniform and must not discriminate based on gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or belief.
- The head teacher can sanction your child for not wearing the school uniform. **Your child could be suspended or expelled if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules.**

The Governors of Ridgeway Primary School have put a **compulsory** school uniform policy in place for children in Reception and Y1 – 6. A school uniform is also available for Sunbeams Nursery pupils that parents can opt for their children to wear if they wish. Uniform in Sunbeams is not compulsory

### **Principles**

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

**Children are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. Where this is not the case, the missing uniform will be loaned to a child to wear on that day. Continual breach of uniform could result in parents being asked to collect their child from school.**

### **Aims**

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

### **All children (Reception – Year 6) need:**

- **Royal blue** crew neck sweat shirt or cardigan (*please note navy is not permitted*)
- White or red polo t-shirt or white shirt
- Grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress. Skirts should be knee length
- Grey/ white socks or grey tights with black flat sensible school shoes (***trainers are NOT acceptable***)

All uniform items can be worn with or without the Ridgeway logo.

- Summer uniform includes a **blue** gingham dress or grey knee length shorts
- **Optional blue Ridgeway zip fleece and waterproof jacket**

## **For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:**

### **Indoors**

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black PE shorts
- black plimsolls

### **Outdoors**

- Plain black/ navy track-suit bottoms
- Plain black/ navy fleece
- Trainers

All PE kit should be plain with no logos (except the school logo) or designs.

If pupils do not have the correct PE kit after they have been reminded on two occasions, they will not be able to participate in PE lessons until the correct kit is supplied.

### **PE Kit should be worn for all After School sporting clubs.**

### **Jewellery and Headwear**

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for a single small stud and watches, both of which will need to be removed for PE. We do not allow headwear, including fashion bows, to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons.

Glasses worn as a fashion accessory and not to correct poor eyesight, are not permitted at any time.

**All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.** This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

### **Make up and Cosmetics**

Make-up and cosmetics (including nail varnish) are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

### **Hairstyles**

Hairstyles should be smart and suitable for school at all times. Extreme cuts and styles are not permitted at any time. This includes 'tram-lines' and the use of hair-dyes. All long hair (both girls and boys) must be tied back at all times.

School reserves the right to consider the appropriateness of latest trends in hairstyles. Where a particular trend is not considered appropriate for school, parents will be asked to rectify the hairstyle as soon as is practically possible.

### **Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff is to:**

- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- Set a good example in terms of dress and follow the dress code laid down for themselves.
- Remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform to ascertain the reason why. If a child continually comes to school not wearing the correct uniform parents will be informed.

**Role of the Headteacher is to:**

- Ensure that the school follows the DfE guidelines and the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- Speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- Consider exclusion where a pupil consistently fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

**Role of the Parents/Guardians is to:**

- Support the school uniform policy.
- Ensure that their child / children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- Make sure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

**Equalities**

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

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***This policy is due for review 2020***