



Uniform Policy

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Ripplevale School School Uniform Policy

‘Ripplevale School provides a caring learning environment where our students make meaningful progress, relative to their individual starting points. Our aim is to encourage them to develop appropriate personal, social and employable skills enabling them to become confident, independent and aspiring young people.’

At Ripplevale School we understand that school uniform can be challenging for students with ASD who struggle with sensitivities from certain materials / clothes. As a school we are only too aware of how difficult it is for some students to concentrate and focus for long periods of time. We wish our students to get the most out of their time at school and education and not cause any distress or discomfort by what they are wearing. In those cases uniform is not obligatory.

For those who are able to wear school uniform we believe that a school uniform:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces ‘fashion competition’ between children.

All students should wear school uniform or an agreed equivalent and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The sweat shirts and polo shirts all carry the school logo – uniform is available through the school office and is priced at cost.

Ripplevale School colours are dark blue sweatshirts, light blue polo shirts, grey/black trousers, black footwear. In addition reversible waterproof fleeces or plain fleeces are available through the school.

Parents/ carers should label all items of clothing clearly with their child’s name.

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school, apart from a watch.

Ripplevale school uniform is as follows:

Primary & Secondary

- Black footwear
- Plain black, grey or white socks
- Black/Grey trousers
- Light Blue polo shirt or long sleeved shirt (no logos except school logo)
- Plain Navy Blue Sweatshirt or Jumper (no logos except school logo)
- Dark coat or waterproof for the winter
- A dark woolly hat and gloves may be worn in winter

Post 16 students may wear their own choice of clothing.

PE

- Plain Football Shorts – blue or black
- Tracksuit if desired
- A plain polo/rugby shirt or t-shirt – preferably white
- Trainers
- Football socks and shin pads (these do not have to be provided as soon as your son starts school)
- Football Boots (these do not have to be provided as soon as your son starts school)

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity.

Forest School - clothing needed:

- Clothing that is ok to get dirty/messy and comfortable to move about in
- Long trousers/jogging bottoms is ideal – preferably not jeans as they are not ideal when wet (NO shorts are allowed)
- Long sleeve top (reduces risk of stings/scratches)
- Water proof clothing/coat
- Boots/wellies that will keep their feet dry and provide support to their ankles