



Rainford Brook Lodge Primary School

Uniform Policy

Responsible Committee

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RAINFORD BROOK LODGE UNIFORM POLICY

We are extremely proud of the Rainford Brook Lodge uniform and expect all children to be dressed accordingly when attending school. It is important that all families support the Dress Code of the School.

JUNIORS	
Girls	Boys
Grey Skirt or Pinafore Knee high grey socks or grey tights (or white socks in summer) Long Grey Trousers Pale Blue Blouse Navy Cardigan/Sweatshirt Blue Checked Summer Dress Tie (purchased from school) Reversible coat with school logo (optional)	Long Grey Trousers Short Grey Trousers Pale Blue Shirt Navy Cardigan/Sweatshirt Long/Short Sleeve Shirt Tie (purchased from school) Reversible coat with school logo (optional)
INFANTS	
Girls	Boys
Grey Skirt or Pinafore Knee high grey socks or grey tights (or white socks in Summer) Long Grey Trousers Pale Blue Polo Shirt Navy Sweatshirt Blue Checked Summer Dress Reversible coat with school logo (optional)	Long Grey Trousers Short Grey Trousers Pale Blue Polo Shirt Navy Sweatshirt Reversible coat with school logo (optional)

PE

Children are expected to change into shorts and tops for P.E. The school P.E. Kit consists of white T-shirt with school logo and navy or royal blue shorts. T-shirts are ordered from school. P.E. is normally done bare foot but in case of medical reasons, light pumps may be worn (please supply a letter if this is the case). Trainers are suitable only for games lessons/outdoor activities. It is possible to purchase a P.E. bag from school. For colder weather, there are non-logo'd sports tops available (Elite $\frac{1}{4}$ Neck Sports tops in Navy/Amber/White) from School Trends.

All the popular items set out above can be purchased from the following:

Company	Telephone	Address	Opening times
Whitakers	01744 451812	38 Bridge St, St Helens, WA10 1NW	Mon to Sat 9am to 5pm (5.30pm during summer holidays)
Topaz Embroidery	01942 375940	284 Church Rd, Haydock, WA11 0LF	Wed - Fri 9.30am to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 4pm
School Trends	0114 251 2501		Online orders only: www.schooltrends.co.uk

Please note, ties are always available from the school office

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. This includes all earrings. We therefore ask that if ears are to be pierced, this should be carried out at the beginning of the Summer Holidays and earrings can be removed before the children come back into School in September. If earrings are still required for a short time, they must be covered by sticking plasters BEFORE the child comes to School. Staff are unable to touch earrings. Children will not be allowed to undertake PE / Games or go out to play if the wearing of earrings continues.

Hair

Long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied back at all times with a dark coloured, plain bobble and if necessary children can wear a thin plain dark hairband or slide (this can be blue and white checked in Summer to match Summer Uniform).

Hair must not be a distraction to a child's eyesight when working and so should preferably be short enough for this purpose or tied back.

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes no 'razor cuts' or extreme hair colour.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school (except at break/lunch times and Games lessons); these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Boots are not allowed to be worn in School. Footwear should be black shoes without any other colour, low heeled, leather uppers style (not mesh or canvas). The shoes should not be open toed, or with no back and girls' shoes should not be slip on - they should have a strap. Children should arrive and leave school in their shoes.

Bags

School bags should be small (to hold a book and pencil case) and of a dark plain colour to match our uniform. It is possible to purchase a suitable bag, carrying the Brook Lodge logo, from school. PE kit should be carried in the school PE bags.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Labels must be sewn into garments or written in permanent marker on the item's label. We cannot guarantee to return lost items of clothing; however, clearly labelled items are more likely to be returned.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to Rainford Brook Lodge Primary School to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. Rainford Brook Lodge Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities and/or additional needs, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher for consideration.

If the Dress Code is not adhered to, the headteacher or deputy may contact the pupil's parents to request that they bring suitable uniform to school for the pupil to change into. Alternatively, the pupil may be asked to change into an item of spare uniform provided by the school. In cases of persistent non-compliance a formal letter will be sent to parents, and the headteacher may contact the parent directly to discuss the matter. Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of the school uniform policy. However, where breaches are persistent and all other avenues have been exhausted, the school reserves the right to exclude the pupil as a last resort.

The role of governors

The Governing Body of Rainford Brook Lodge supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.