



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Ringway we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from Tots to Teams, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and a small wrist watch. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain. Bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. Boots should not be too large that they prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor whilst inside the school building. Because we spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also important for children to have a named pair of wellies. For Early Years and Key Stage One, these can be kept in school. For KS2 it is the child's responsibility to bring these into school on the days they are needed, these days will be clearly communicated by the class teacher. Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Expectations

Children must wear the expected school uniform. If an article of clothing is worn that is not part of the school uniform, a letter or message must be brought into school to explain the reason why. All items of clothing and footwear MUST be named.

School uniform consists of the following:

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress
- Black school shoes/boots – no trainers and as plain as possible (no large distinctive logos)
- Wellies (optional)
- One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

PE Uniform

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional)
- Trainers or suitable footwear for outdoor PE sessions.
- Upper Key Stage 2 can keep a roll-on/ stick deodorant in their PE bag if they wish. No aerosols/spray deodorants allowed in school.
- For swimming, children need a one-piece swimming costume (sensible swim shorts for boys), a towel, a swimming hat and a pair of goggles.

Children can come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Class teachers will inform you which day is your child's PE day at the start of each term.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

Mobile Phones

If children need to bring a mobile phone into school, this must be handed into the office and collected at the end of the day.

School bags

Children will have allocated pegs in their classroom. Because porches are now within the classrooms, our space is limited and therefore school provide each child with their own reusable school bag. Please ensure only essential items are put into these bags, the essential items are: Reading Challenge Booklet, school reading book, homework and a water bottle. Children do not need to bring in a pencil case. Year 5 and 6 pupils will be allowed to bring in a small bag (no bigger than the school issued size).

Purchasing Uniform

All our uniform items can be bought at local supermarkets. Any logo-branded item of clothing you wish to purchase can be bought from Tots to Teams (<https://totstoteams.com/>). Throughout the school year we aim to encourage parents to donate any unneeded uniform back to school which will be offered to parents at various school events across the school year.

We also encourage our parents to donate any uniform they are finished with to Choppington uniform shop which is part of Choppington Together and stocks second hand uniform for Ringway – they can be found on Facebook or by contacting Choppington Together.