



Rusthall St Paul's CE Primary School

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1. Introduction

1.1 It is our policy that all children should be encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a list of the items suggested for school uniform on our school website and they are listed below for ease of reference.

1.2 The DfE (Department for Education) 'strongly encourages schools to have a uniform' as they believe 'it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and set an appropriate tone.'

2. 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
- builds a sense of identity;
- 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, of good quality and of good value for money, by most parents;
- supports positive behaviour;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Items of uniform

WINTER	SUMMER OPTION
Grey school skirt or tunic, grey school-type trousers*	School type grey shorts or Blue and white striped or checked school dress
White cotton shirt – long or short sleeve but should be buttoned up to the top and not open neck.	White cotton shirt – long or short sleeve but should be buttoned up to the top and not open neck.
St Paul’s School Tie (available from the school office)	St Paul’s School Tie (available from the school office)
St Paul’s School jumper or St Paul’s School cardigan (available to buy on line). No other navy cardigans or tops are permitted.	St Paul’s School jumper or St Paul’s School cardigan (available to buy on line). No other cardigans or tops are permitted.
Grey, Navy or Black tights or plain socks	Plain white socks
Plain black shoes or school type sandals with full toe (please note that trainers are not allowed for school)	Plain black shoes or school type sandals with full toe (please note that trainers are not allowed for school)

* Please note that other forms of trousers such as jeans, leggings or sports clothes are not acceptable as part of the school uniform.

PE Kit

School House Colour T-shirt (not baggy style please)

Navy shorts (not baggy style please)

Plimsolls or trainers

Tracksuit or tracksuit trousers and sweatshirt is advisable for winter months from year 1 upwards

A football kit for football club

Please ensure **all** clothing items are named. A permanent marking with initials on the clothing label will prevent your child losing valuable clothing.

Parents are requested to provide a drawstring PE / shoe bag to be hung on a coat peg.

Jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and book bags are all available online at:

www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/rusthallstpaul

The school is not permitted to make a profit on the sale of school uniform.

4. Jewellery

4.1 In accordance with the Local Authority requirements on health and safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

4.2 The exceptions to this rule are small, simple studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance or wristwatches.

4.3 On days when children have Physical Education lessons and/or sporting activities, they should not wear jewellery to school. If children do attend school with jewellery, they will be asked to remove objects before Physical Education lessons or any other lessons where the wearing of such items constitutes a potential safety risk. Teachers and other members of staff do not take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery which has been removed.

5. Extreme haircuts / Make-up

5.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts / hair colourings that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5.2 Mid to long length hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied up at all times. Hair accessories should be minimal.

5.3 The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted. Likewise, the wearing of temporary tattoos is not acceptable.

6. The Role of Parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the 'School Uniform Policy'. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and to support the policies of the school. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform / colour and that it is clean and in good condition.

6.2 We ask that parents engage with recycling of school uniform through our partnership with Friends of Rusthall School (FORS) by bringing in items of uniform that are still in good condition so that they be sold second hand to other parents.

6.3 We ask that all parents label their children's uniform items or write their names in the labels to enable mislaid items to be returned to their owners.

7. Pupil non-compliance

7.1 It is our aim to work with families to overcome difficulties with non-compliance of this policy. At all times, we are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances. In this instance, parents should at first make representations to the Headteacher.

7.2 If a pupil is not wearing an item of uniform as identified in this policy a letter may be sent home as a reminder identifying which item is not suitable or the parent will be called. For repeated occurrences the parent may be called to a meeting with the headteacher.

8. The Role of the Governing Body

8.1 The Governing body 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.

9.2 It is the Governing body's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that the school uniform policy is consistent with the school's policy on equal opportunities.

9.3 Governing body members ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

9. Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing body annually.