

Ryecroft CE Middle School Uniform



2024/2025

Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Ryecroft CE Middle School, we pride ourselves on having high standards of presentation and uniform and ask for the continued co-operation of pupils, parents and carers in maintaining these.

We ask all of our pupils to attend school in full uniform. We absolutely understand that there are rare occasions which result in uniform not being worn in full, but ask that this is always communicated with the school in advance of your child arriving that day so that we are aware and can support with providing correct uniform if needed.

Wearing our uniform is an integral part of our pupils' identity and it plays a significant role in creating a sense of unity and belonging.

We believe that the new uniform will provide our pupils with a fresh and modern look, allowing them to feel confident and motivated in their learning environment. It is also important to note that most of the new uniform items will be easily accessible and available at affordable prices.

In order to support families when purchasing uniform, we have included some examples as a guide but would ask that parents/carers contact the school if you have questions ahead of a purchase where you are unsure.

Thank you in advance of your continued co-operation and please do contact your year team leaders if you need further advice or support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A. Grattage
Headteacher

Uniform page on our website: <https://www.ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk/pupils/uniform>

Uniform Expectations

Uniform Summary

School Blazer - School navy blazer, with school badge.

School regulation Tie

Trousers - School regulation, charcoal grey, formal long trousers

Only smart plain tailored grey trousers, no jeans or jean style, denims, leggings or casual trousers. Trousers should not be cropped or graze the ankle. Socks should not be visible if wearing trousers and, when standing, trousers should meet the top of the shoe (as pictorial guide).

Skirt - School regulation, charcoal grey box pleat knee-length skirt (as pictorial guide). No other skirt is acceptable.

Shirt/Blouse - Formal white stiff collar.

Socks/tights - Plain black.

Shoes - Plain black lace-up or slip-on shoe in a formal style, with flat or moderate heels. Please note that trainers or boots are not permitted.



Uniform Expectations

Coats (non-compulsory)

It is recommended that pupils have an appropriate winter coat or rain jacket for the colder months of the year. We are a split site and have multiple buildings that pupils move between during the day to attend lessons in specialist venues.

Coats are not to be worn in class during lessons and should not include any imagery, logos or patterns that may be considered inappropriate or would bring the school in to disrepute.

Outside hat (non-compulsory)

Summer hat - Pupils may wear suitable hat for protection from the sun in the summer months.
Winter hat – a sensible woollen hat.

Examples of trouser – charcoal grey (Please check before a purchase is made if you are unsure).



Jumper

A deep V-neck or shallow V-neck plain navy jumper is allowed under the Ryecroft blazer.

Please note, if pupils wear a jumper for school, they must **also** wear the school blazer. **The jumper is not permitted in place of the blazer.**



No Logos of any kind either on the front, back, arms or collars/cuffs of the jumper or sweater. No zip tops or folding collars to be worn as a jumper under the blazer

Jewellery, Hairstyles and Make-up

Jewellery

The only items of jewellery permitted to be worn are single plain (gold or silver) stud earrings, no bigger than a 5p coin and only one per lobe and a watch.

Hoops, dangly earrings, or any jewellery that may pose a safety risk during physical activities are not allowed. No other visible body piercing is permitted

Plasters may *not* be worn to cover body jewellery, therefore if pupils wish to have piercings these should be timed to allow sufficient time for healing and for a retainer to be worn when in school.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should not be extreme, lines shaved into the hair are not allowed. Hair colours should be natural. Please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you wish to check on a style/colour before this is done. Excessive hair embellishments and/or bows are not permitted.

Make-up

Make-up, false nails and bright nail varnish are not permitted.

Sanction: Pupils who do not meet our expectations will have contact made with home and may also face a sanction in school.

Lanyards and Information Card Holder

Lanyards must be worn at all times for House Group identification. These are to be used to attach their information card holder and, if applicable, locker keys– other lanyards will not be permitted.

Each pupil will be provided with one lanyard and card holder free of charge – replacements will be charged at 50p each.

The lanyards also support our safeguarding of all pupils in school. We can easily identify our pupils and any staff and visitors to the site.

Staff have the **staff blue lanyard**.

Visitors wear a **visitor green lanyard** when on site.

Contractors wear a **contractor red lanyards** when on site.



Lanyard Colours/Pastoral Information

Colour	House
Blue	Arkwright
Green	Heywood
Red	Sheldon



Mobile Phones

The school does not permit the use of mobile phones, earphones or smart watches whilst on site, phones should be turned off and stored in lockers if they are in school.

Pupils seen with a mobile phone, wearing earphones or using a smart watch will have such items confiscated. Following 3 occasions when items are confiscated, parents will be notified and asked to collect on a pupils' behalf. If a pupil chooses to bring a phone into school, they are responsible for their device.

Compliance

As a parent you are encouraged to contact the school before buying/sending your child to school with anything you feel may be deemed unacceptable due to the expectations stated. Pupils in breach of school uniform expectations will have items confiscated and placed in the school safe. Pupils will be able to collect the items at the end of the week from the school office from 3.40pm. Where items of non-school uniform cannot be removed/confiscated, parents will be contacted in order to rectify this. Where this is not possible pupils will be placed in the consequence room until resolved. The school will provide items of uniform for pupils to borrow temporarily for the day (e.g. a school tie) whilst parents seek to rectify the items deemed to be not in line with our policy.

Availability

Schools-In are our nominated uniform provider.

In addition to our compulsory logo items, Schools-In also stock all of the non-branded uniform clothing.

Alternatively, these can be purchased from most high street stores.

However, please ensure that the items you purchase meet our uniform requirements.



Please check before a purchase is made if you are unsure.

School Ties

Ties are available from both Schools-In and school at a cost of £5.99 each. Payment for school purchases to be made via your child's ParentPay account.

Online

Uniform can also be purchased online 24/7 via their website:

<https://schoolsuniform.co.uk/product-category/ryecroft-middle-school/>

You will be given a delivery choice of:

- Delivery to your home address – £4.95 charge for this service
- Click and collect from any School's In shop - FREE of charge
- Collect from Ryecroft C E Middle School - FREE of charge. Please allow 7—10 working days for delivery to school

Visiting the Shop

Uniform can also be purchased from the shop in Meir.

The Schools-In shop is located at 41 Weston Road, Meir, Stoke on Trent, ST3 6AB

Telephone: 01782 310111 Email: sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 09:30 – 17:00

Saturday: 09:30 – 16:00

Thursday & Sunday: Closed

School PE Kit



- RMS PE polo shirt
- RMS PE or plain navy mid-layer
- RMS PE mid-thigh length skirt, PE shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms or plain navy leggings
- Red sports socks or white or black ankle socks;
- Trainers & football boots.
- Shin pads
- Gum shield

Please note that hoodies are *not* part of school uniform and should not be worn. However, if pupils want to bring an additional layer, to wear during their PE lesson, this can consist of the mid-layer option, a plain navy sweatshirt or a plain navy shower proof jacket for outdoor activities.



Equipment Expectations

We expect every pupil to arrive every day to school fully equipped. This means they must have:

- Berol Pen (Blue ink – not biro)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- Eraser
- Glue Stick
- Coloured pencils
- Highlighter
- Art shirt / Apron
- Casio Scientific Calculator (KS3 only)
- Protractor / Compass
- Pencil case
- Water bottle – not metal
- Reading book of their choice linked to our Accelerated Reader scheme



Notes



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