Rook’s Nest Academy

Uniform Policy

Respect Believe Achieve

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Introduction

At Rook's Nest Academy we believe in high standards in all areas. One of the ways we feel we achieve this high standard is through our uniform which is an integral part of the Academy ethos.

Children will wear uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. There will be some situations where uniform will not be worn such as residential visits and non-uniform days (parents will be given notification of these times).

Foundation Stage

Green cardigan or jumper (Foundation Stage logo embroidered on the front, optional)
White shirt or polo shirt.
Grey/black trousers, shorts or skirt
Green gingham dress
Black/grey/navy blue/ white tights or socks
Flat black shoes, boots or black trainers
Grey shorts
Winter coat

PE Kit

PE kit consists of blue or black shorts and a white t-shirt or polo shirt. In summer when we do PE outside, children will also need a pair of trainers.

Years 1-5

White shirt or polo shirt
Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt with Academy logo
Grey / black trousers, shorts or skirt
blue gingham dress
Black / grey / navy blue / white tights or socks
Flat black shoes, boots or black trainers
Winter coat

PE Kit

Navy or black shorts
Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
Warm outdoor sportswear for winter months
Trainers for outdoor PE (this must be a change of shoes due to muddy activities).

Years 4 & 5 Swimming Lessons

1 piece swimming costume and towel (swimming shorts must be above the knee)

Year 6

Royal blue blazer with embroidered Academy logo
White shirt
Academy Tie
Grey / black skirt, trousers or shorts
Black / grey / navy blue/ white tights or socks
Flat black shoes, boots or black trainers

PE Kit

Navy or black shorts
Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
Warm outdoor sportswear for winter months
Trainers for outdoor PE (this must be a change of shoes due to muddy activities).

All items listed can be obtained in local shops and supermarkets.
Sweatshirts, cardigans and blazers with a badge are available from the school website to order online from 'School Trends'.
Reading folders and PE bags and Year 6 ties can be purchased from the Academy office.

The school also runs a uniform recycle facility. Parents can both donate good quality used uniform as well as using the facility to obtain uniform for their children.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES MUST BE NAMED.
(unnamed items in lost property will be donated to the uniform recycle store)

Jewellery

On Health and Safety grounds the wearing of jewellery is not allowed with the exception of watches. Earrings are not permitted to be worn in the Academy (at any time).

Hairstyles and Accessories

The academy does not encourage children to have haircuts, hair accessories or hair colour, which could serve as a distraction to other children. Pupils with long hair (long enough to fall in front of eyes and face or to be able to be put into a bobble) should keep it tied back.

Hair accessories (bobbles, hair bands etc.) are be in keeping with the Academy's high standards.

Other

Parents should also be aware that we discourage the wearing of fake tattoos/ transfers and will ask that these be removed.

Nails

The Academy does not allow children to wear nail varnish or false nails, children will be asked to remove these. Parents are asked to make sure children's fingernails are kept short.

Seasonal Information

Wellington boots can be worn to school in the event of bad weather however, a change of footwear (in line with the above) must be provided. Children will go outside to play at break time in most weather conditions therefore a suitable coat is required.

Sun hats and caps are encouraged during warm weather. High Factor Sun cream must be applied by parents before coming into the academy.

The Role of parents

We hope parents appreciate the benefits of having a school uniform. We thank parents for recognising the importance of dressing smartly in contributing to the high standards of the academy. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

Rook's Nest Academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents require their children to wear clothes, which differ from the school uniform the academy will consider such requests on an individual basis. This is also the case if an item of school uniform should prove problematic for a pupil with Special Educational Needs (SEND). In these cases the parents are invited to draw this to the

attention of the head teacher. Rook's Nest Academy will not treat pupils with SEND unfavourably.

Lost Uniform

We try out upmost to reunite labelled lost property with its owner. However,unnamed uniform is notoriously difficult to track. Uniform left outside at break times will often left on the picnic tables in the main playground so that parents can look through at the end of the day. The academy does not have the space to store lost uniform. Any lost property remaining at the end of each half term will be donated to charity.

It is advisable that every item of uniform is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Links with other policies

This policy is linked to our

- SEND Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Disability Equality Policy
- Equality Policy
- Inclusion Policy
- Visits policy

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